THE WEATHER

Rain Monday; Tuesday, probably fair and somewhat colder.

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ANOTHER GREAT BATTLE IN PROGRESS IN POLAND THAT MAY DECIDE FATE OF CITY

German Forces Now Within Thirty Miles of Warsaw, the Fate of Which City Depends Upon the Outcome of Battle—Russians Are Said to be Well Fortified and Prepared for the Most Desperate Battle.

TWO GERMAN DETACHMENTS ARE REPORTED ANNIHILATED BY THE RUSSIAN FORCES

Operations Against East Prussia Are Continued by Russians, as Though Capital of Poland Was Not Threatened—Allies in West Continue Their Advance Under Conditions That Are of the Worst Possible.

London, December 20. — The Germans advancing on Warsaw over a wide front between the Vistula and the Pilicia rivers have reached the new Russian positions along the Bzura river and southward to Rawa, with the result that another big battle is in progress.

The Russians retired across the Bzura, destroying the bridges behind them. Two German detachments, who followed over a partly burned bridge, are said to have been practically annihilated, fifty survivors being taken prisoners.

This is only the beginning of the great battle for Warsaw, from which the Germans now are not more than 30 miles distant.

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg expects stern resistance, which the strongly reinforced Russian army is certain to offer They are protected by the Vistula river, which the Germans have not been able to cross.

The Russians are continuing operations against East Prussia, as though the capital of Poland were not threatened, and by counter attacks are attempting to throw off the Austro-German attacks in Galicia. An Austrian sortie in force from Przemysl, according to the Russian statement, has entirely failed.

The offensive operations of the Allies in the West are being carried out under conditions of siege warfare, and are being stubbornly opposed by the Germans, who, in their entrenchments, and surrounded by wire entanglements, make an advance of even a few yards very costly for the attacking forces.

In Flanders, the Allies have gained a little ground at considerable cost. Along the coast the Allies' warships continually are bombarding German positions. The advance has been more marked from the Belgian border south to the river Oise, where the ground is not as wet as in the flooded regions of Flanders.

Along the Aisne.

'Along the Aisne and in the Champagne district the French artillery now probably stronger than the German, has been keeping the Germans on the move, but in the Argonne region it is the Germans who are on the offensive. They claim a slight advance.

The first Boer rebel to pay the extreme penalty was Captain Fourie, a former officer in the Union defense force, executed at Pretoria this morning. This would seem to indicate that all of the officers of the Union defense force who joined the rebellion, especially the leaders, will be severely dealt with.

FRENCH OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Declares Advance of Allies in West Is Slow—Trench Is Retaken

Paris, Dec. 20.—The following official communication was issued by the French war office this afternoon:

"From the sea to the Lys, we have gained a little ground before Nieuport and Saint Georges.

"To the East and South of Ypres where the enemy reinforced his organizations defensive artillery battles occurred and there was slight progress on our part.

"From the Lys to the Oise the Allied forces have seized a portion of the German trenches of the first line on the front running through Richebourg L'Avoue, and Givenchy-Les La Basse.

"To the Southeast of Albert the trench captured by us on the 17th near Maricourt and lost on the 18th was recaptured yesterday.

"In the region of Lihons the Germans twice attacked and very violently for the purpose of re taking the trenches won by us on the 18th. They were repulsed.

"From the Oise to the Argonne the superiority of our artillery continues to be manifested by the interruption of the enemy's fire, the destruction of machine shelters and observatories and the dispersion of a considerable number of troops.

"In the Argonne in the forest of La-Grurie, we have reputsed three attacks, two upon Fontaine Madame, one at Saint Hubert.

"Between the Argonne and the Voges there has been no salient incident to report".

The official communication tonight says:

"There is no modification to report along any part of the front"

GERMAN SIDE IS GIVEN

Official Press Bureau at Berlin Gives Out Some Items.

Berlin, Dec. 20 (via Wireless).—The official press bureau today gave out the following items:

"Although certain observers still affect belief that the German victory in the East will insure against danger of a Russian invasion for all time it is beginning to be realized that the victory, as complete as it was is not synonymous with utter destruction of the Russian hosts and that much remains to be done. There still are no details regarding the action available.

"The Vienna Neuf Freie publishes the suggestion of an unnamed general that the rearguard engagements of the retreating army may be designed not only to save the Russians' trains, but also to give reinforcements time to come. Upon whether they will be able to bring enough fresh troops, he says, will depend whether the success already achieved will be of lasting value.

"A Vienna official report describing heavy fighting near Krosno and along the upper Dunajec river shows that the Russians there still are capable of determined resistence. Private advices show that the Russians are retreating in the Carpathians Northward from Munkaos without fighting.

"Another factor that contains a warning against too great expectations in Poland is that the retreating Russians are getting nearer their base of supplies, while their pursuers are getting farther away in a country of terrible highways. Despite this there is complete confidence that Field Marshal von Hindenburg will be able to finish what he has begun.

"Reports of fighting at many places in Flanders has caused speculation as to whether the long expected general attack of the Allies may not have begun.

"The Allies' continuous aggressiveness the last few days justifies the supposition that considerable forces have been brought into activity by them.

"The Turks report taking some hills overlooking Kotur near Lake Urumiah, Northwestern Persia.

"There is nothing to report from Servia.

"The Petrograd police have arrested a great number of men and women on account of a revolutionary plot.

"A court martial at Perm (East Russia) has sentenced 22 men to death on account of strike riots.

"The British naval atache at Rome says it is not improbable that a British transport has sunk in the Mediterranean as the equipment of a stranded vessel has been found on the Italian coast.

"A German lieutenant aviator, liberated from captivity by the French states under oath that the French repeatedly uttered him and similar treatment is meted out to other officers."

Genoa via Rome, Dec. 20.—The police today displayed great energy in frustrating attempts at meetings to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Oberdank in the fear that they would assume an anti-Austrian character.

MEXICAN FACTIONS ARE NOW RETIRING

From the International Border Line is Report.

ORDERS OF GUTIERREZ

Consular Agent Carothers Reports to Department That Besiegers Have Agreed to Retire—Firing on Border Ends.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Consular Agent Carothers telegraphed the State Department today that Governor Maytorena, commanding the Villa forces besieging Naco, Sonora, was preparing to withdraw his troops ten or twelve miles from the border to eliminate the possibility of further firing into American territory.

Brigadier General Bliss commanding the artillery infantry and cavalry concentrated about Naco, Ariz., to enforce the American government's demand that firing across the line cease, reported that Maytorena apparently had withdrawn. This, however, has not been verified. As a result of these reports officials here were confident tonight that the troublesome border situation was about to be cleared up. It is understood that when Carothers conferred with Maytorena yesterday he was given a complete outline of the Villa leader's plan for withdrawal. Enrico Ilorente, representative here of Provisional President Gutierrez made public a telegram from his chief quoting a message the later had received from Governor Maytorena, yesterday announcing that the force besieging Naco "had been ordered withdrawn to a convenient distance."

In obedience to instructions from the capitol Maytorena reported his troops did not fire a short at Naco yesterday although several casualties in their ranks were caused by fire from the Naco garrison.

SOUTHERN GIRLS SHOW FATHER NEW SYSTEM

Tomato Club Girls Aid in Reduction of Cotton Acreage Says Report.

Wilmington, Dec. 20.—The success of experiments by 33,420 members of girls Garden and Canning Clubs organized in the South by the Department of Agriculture has prompted many Southern farmers to plant vegetables suitable for canning purposes as substitutes for cotton. This was characterized in a statement issued tonight by the department as an important sep toward solution of the problem of reducing the cotton acerage.

The statement said:

"Daughters of Southern farmers who have been members of the Department's Garden of Canning Clubs have been able to give their fathers' practical demonstrations of the value of crop diversification during the present bad cotton year. The actual products which the girls have put up are proving an invaluable asset in many farm homes where the cotton crop has not brought the customary returns and many farmers are now substituting whole acres of onions and tomatoes in place of cotton after seeing the success which the young women have made with the crops."

EMMINENT DIVINE DIES SUDDENLY AT RICHMOND

Rev. Robert J. Willingham, D. D., is Stricken.

Suffers Stroke of Apoplexy While En Route to Sunday School and Dies in Hotel Two Hours Later—Baptist Minister

Richmond Va., Dec, 20.—Rev. Robert J. Willingham, D. D., general secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist convention and recognized as one of the greatest missionary secretaries in the country, was stricken with apoplexy while on his way to Sunday school this morning and died two hours later in a hotel to which he was taken. Prior to becoming Secretary to the Mission Board in 1893, Dr. Willingham had served as pastor at Churches in Tabottom, Ga., Chattanooga, Tenn., and Memphis, Tenn. Dr. Willingham was born in Beaufort district South Carolina in 1854 and was graduated from the University of Georgia preparing for the ministry at the Southern Theological Seminery at Louisville, Ky., He is survived by his wife, five sons and four daughters.

Dr. Willingham was well known in Wilmington, where he has visited his son, Dr. B. J. Willingham, who has made this city his home for a number of years. Rev. Dr. Willingham had also preached here on several occasions, and his sermons are remembered by all who were so fortunate as to hear them. The news of his death, when announced from the pulpits of the local Baptist churches last evening, was received with universal sorrow, for he was one of the most prominent figures in the Southern Baptist convention.

Dr. B. J. Willingham left last night for Richmond, where he will attend the funeral of his father. He will have the tenderest sympathy of his many friends here in the great loss he has sustained.

ITALIAN POLICE PREVENT RIOTING

During Celebration of Execution of Soldier Oberdank.

MANY DEMONSTRATIONS

Tablets Unveiled and Meetings Held to Commemorate Execution of Soldier Who Attempted to Kill Francis Joseph

Rome, Dec, 20 —The police of various Italian cities had difficulty today in preventing riotous demonstrations at celebrations of the anniversary of the execution of Oberdank for concerted action of the unsuccessful plot to assassinate Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria in 1882.

The Republican deputy Cola Anni was loudly applauded when he delivered a speech reciting the history of the "Tristan Martyr", and his ideals and declaring that it was necessary soon to realize them. The demonstration reached its climax when Ricotti Garibaldi, son of the famous Italian patriot arose and leaning on his crutches, said:

"A voice still is ringing from Caprera Island, where my father is buried. It asks for facts not words from the committee promoting the enlistment of volunteers".

As Garibaldi ceased there was a tremendous outburst of applause and cries of "Long live Italy!" "Long live Trent!" and "Long live Trieste".

Several crowds of demonstrators tried to invade the center of the city but were prevented from doing so by the police and troops.

This afternoon the Republican Association held a procession and later unveiled a marble tablet in the Republican club, in honor of Oberdank.

DELAYED DISPATCH

Demonstrations on Friday Night in Rome Gave Police Much Trouble

Rome, Dec, 19 (Delayed) —A meeting was held here privately last night to commemorate the anniversary of the dath of the soldier Oberdank. Afterwards, despite efforts of the police, those who had taken part succeeded in reaching the center of the city, shouting and scuffling with the police. Several persons were arrested and some of the demonstrators slightly injured.

The police succeeded in prevently the crowd from approaching the Austrian embassy and finally dispersed it.

BAN ON DEMONSTRATIONS

Italian Towns Fear Anti-Austrian Sentiment Maybe Aroused

Ancona, via Rome, Dec. 20—The club Mazzini and other associations made preparations for the holding of memorial service today in honor of Oberdank, but the authorities would not permit the demonstrations. A ban even was placed on the publication of manifestos. The town was strongly occupied by troops and police to prevent possible disorders.

TROOPS FROM TROPICS SUFFERING FROM COLD

Weather in Belgium Too Severe for Soldiers.

Shortage of Hospital Equipments Said to Be Growing Worse—Operations Performed WithOut Anaesthetics.

London, Dec. 20.—Troops from the tropics are suffering intensely from the cold in Belgium. This is especially trpe of the Senegalese. In many cases their toes or feet have been frozen so badly that amputation has been necessary, according to Mrs. Harry Floyd, chief commissioner of the French emergency fund, who has just returned from the French hospitals. Mrs. Floyd says many hospitals are badly in need of anaesthetics, tetanus serum, surgical instruments and surgeons.

"In one hospital I saw a Senegalese operated upon without the use of an anaesthtic," said Mrs. Floyd. "Their toes had been frozen and immediate amputation was necessary. All the toes of one Senegalese were removed without a groan from him. Suddenly he leaped from the operating table and began searching for something. He found a pipe, filled it and lay down, smoking to deaden the pain.

Then he began to pray in a low voice. When a nurse offered to bring luncheon to him, he refused, walking to the convalescents' table where he ate with his friends.

The courage and heroism of these men is simply beyond belief.

They never complain. They always urge the nurses to attend to others. Blankets, heavy woolen clothing and socks are badly needed at the hospitals and convalescents' homes. The weakened soldiers suffer intensely and these recovery is delayed by lack of comforts.

Typhoid fever now seems to have been checked, but gangrene presents a frightful menace because of lack of serum. There is also a great need of electrical equipment to treat rheumatism. Lack of supplies in the hospitals is due to the fact hat they are not obtainable in France or have been delayed in transportation.

NEUTRAL NATIONS OF EUROPE AGREE

Conference of Crowned Heads Results in Union.

OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGE

Denmark, Sweden and Norway Drawn Closer Together by the Conflict Between Larger European Powers Now Raging.

Stockholm, (via London), Dec. 20.—King Christian, of Denmark, King Gustave of Sweden and King Haakon of Norway, who, with their foreign ministers were in conference at Malmo Friday and Saturday over a plan to combine their respective interests during the war, have reached an agreement on the special questions raised. An official communication issued here today outlined the proceeds substantially as follows:

The meeting was inaugurated Friday with a speech by King Gustave, who alluded to the unanimous desire of the kingdoms of the north to preserve neutrality and pointed to the desirability of limited cooperation between the kingdoms as a safeguard to their common interests. He said he was impressed with a deep sense of the responsibility which would be incurred if any measure which would contribute to the welfare of the three peoples if they were neglected.

"King Haakon and King Christian replied, testifying to their sincere joy at the initiative of King Gustave in calling the conference and expressing hope that it would have happy results.

"The deliberations consolidated the good relations among the three kingdoms and also enabled an agreement to be reached on the special questions raised. It finally was agreed to pursue the cooperation so happily begun and to arrange when circumstances should occur for fresh meetings between representatives of the three governments."

WELL KNOWN RAILROAD MAN DIES SUDDNELY

Eugene Zimmerman, of Cincinnati, Drops Dead in Club.

Cincinnati, Dec. 20.—Eugene Zimmerman, president of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railroad, and wealthy financier of this city, died suddenly at a club here today of hemorrhage of the lungs. He was the father of the Duchess of Manchester.

When Mr. Zimmerman was seized by the fatal attack he was studying records of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railroad, preparatory, it is believed, to testifying in the Interstate Commerce Commission's investigations of the sale of that road and the Pere Marquette to J. P. Morgan & Company. Mr. Zimmerman was active in bringing the union of the two roads.

Mr. Zimmerman was a veteran of the war between the States, and a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Loyal Legion. He was born in Vicksburg, Miss., in 1845, but was a resident of Cincinnati, when the war broke out, and served on Union gunboats in the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, finally reaching the rank of commander.

His fortune is estimated in millions. His only child, Helena, married the Duke of Manchester in 1900.

SPECIAL PROHIBITION RULE SET FOR TUESDAY

Of Overshadowing Interest in Congressional Programme.

House Leaders Confident the Required Two-Thirds Majority Will Not Be Polled by Hobson Measure—Other Work

Washington, Dec, 20.—The vote to be taken in the House Tuesday on a rule to take up the Hobson prohibition resolution is of overshadowing interest in the congressional programme of the coming week. Although it has been proposed to vote also before the holiday recess on a rule for consideration of a woman's suffrage amendment, leaders predicted tonight that that would not be reached until after Christmas.

House leaders say the Hobson resolution will not receive the required two-thirds majority.

In that case Senator Sheppard later will endeavor to press to a vote in the Senate a similar resolution introduced by him.

Another effort will be made in the House tomorrow to get a vote on Representative Lever's bill to provide government licensing of cotton warehouses.

In the Senate immigration bill remains as the unfinished business, but there is little prospect that it will be disposed of until after the holidays.

The Senate is expected to spend some time in re-consideration of the safety at sea treaty, ratified last week after a resolution had been adopted reserving right t impse upn American shipping and vessels trading frm American ports higher standards than prescribed by the convention. Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee as well as executive officials declare the resolution would nullify the treaty.

RUSSIAN GENERAL DEFINES POSITION

Battle Front Shifted Eastward But Still Optimistic.

NO GERMAN ADVANTAGE

Official Returning from Front Gives Out Statement as to Conditions Existing There—Russians are Well Fortified

Petrograd, via London, Dec, 20.—A Russian general who recently returned from the front views the present military situation optimistically.

"We are now at the close of the first period of the war," he said today. "It has ended, to be sure, with the battle front shifted to the Eastward, but without marked advantage for the Germans.

"The German offensive was begun with the center extending from Posen to Kalisz. General Mackenzen and General Francois advanced to the Bzuria river, occupying positions in almost a straight line from Plock through Domitz and Lodz to Piotrkow, where they fortified themselves. The Northern division, which proceeded to Clechanow and Makow was forced back to the frontier. The Austro-German troops from Silesia advanced toward Olkusz, Wolbrom and Novo Radomsk, while further south the Austrians proceeded to the river Dunajec aiming to free Cracow.

"Southwest of Przemysl, an Austrian Austro-Hungarian army attempted to cross the Carpathians, striving to relieve Prymsyl and free Galaicia. The center of intense operations developed in the order above mentioned.

"The strategic position of the railroad lines enabled the Austro-Germans to maneuvre both north and south and east and west. The total number of Austro-Germans opposing Russia is estimated at more than 40 army corps (about 1,600,000men).

The Aim of the Germans

"The present aim of the enemy evidently is to take the Lithuanian fortresses of Kovno, Dvinsk and Grodno and occupy western Poland as far as Warsaw while the Austrians are attempting to free Galicia, push north to Radom and Lublin and occupy Southern Poland. If the enemy were successful in thus freeing its own territory and, fortying thoroughly the lines mentioned no effort would be made to go further. The enemy would content himself with remaining on the defensive so that thirty army corps might be transferred to the west.

"These aspirations cannot be realized because the Russians are being reinforced continually and now are occupying positions which may be defended much more effectually than their previous ones. The Sochaczen country, which is low and marshy offers the most excellent facilities for defense. The rainy weather also favors the Russians in their trench digging and ruins the roads used by the Germans.

"The next large battle is expected around Crawcow and Przemysl with the probability also of German demonstrations in force around Mlawa, Suwalki, and Wirballen, between Kars and Erzerum where hostilities were begun operations now are at a standstill.

"The previous intention of the Turks to make a descent on the Crimea and elsewhere along the Black sea has been either abandoned or delayed.

"Meanwhile Russia is preparing a coast line defense. The Turkish fleet, after its re-appearance at Batum again has disappeared".

SYMPATHY OF NAVY

Churchill Writes Letter to Mayor of Scorborough—The Results.

London, Dec. 20.—Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, in a letter to the mayor of Scarborough expresses the sympathy of the navy at the losses sustained through the German bombardment of that place.

"We await with patience the opportunity that will surely come," continues the letter. "But, viewed in its larger aspect, the incident is one of the most instructive and encouraging things effectiveness of the British naval pressure than the frenzy of hatred aroused against us in the breast of the enemy.

"This hatred already has passed the frontiers of reason. It clouds their visions, darkens their counsels and convulses their movements. We see a nation of military calculators throwing calculation to the winds; of strategists who have lost their sense of proportion.

"Practically the whole of the fast cruiser force of the German navy, including some great ships that are vital to their fleet and utterly irreplacable have been risked fo rthe passing pleasure of killing as many English people as possible, irrespective of age, or sex, in the limited time available.

"Whatever feats the German navy may hereafter perform the stigma of baby killers of Scarborough will brand its officers and men while sailors sail the sea."

BRITISH DREADNOUGHT IS REPORTED SUNK

New York, Dec. 20.—A report that the British dreadnought Thunderer was sunk by a mine or torpedo in the North Sea on November 7 was brought here today by George Rottweiler, of Chicago, a passenger on the steamer St. Louis from Liverpool. Mr. Rottweiler declared the sinking of the dreadnought was witnessed by eight men members of the crew of a small Swedish sailing ship called the Scofjord, that later brought survivors from the dreadnought into Liverpool.

OPERATIONS ARE MOST DIFFICULT

Conditions in France and Belgium Are Described

BY OFFICIAL OBSERVER

Statement Made Public in London Yesterday Dated December 17, Tells of Hardships and Difficulties Undergone.

London, Dec. 20.—The great difficulties under which operations in France and Belgium are being conducted are described in a narrative of recent development written by an official observer and made public today by the official bureau. The report is dated December 17. It says:

"The opposition now being encountered resembles to some extent that met with us in the beginning of October when we first reached the Franco-Belgian frontier. It has one great difference, however, and that is that the enemy in in much greater force and his positions much stronger and better organized than two months ago.

"At that time an advance on the eastern end of the line implied a movement across a very difficult country, as it does still; and for us it meant an attack on skillfully but hastily fortified strong points or villages held to a large extent by cavalry, and jaegers. With the large proportion of machine guns that we have in front of us today it is no longer a succession of isolated points.

Everything Fortified.

"There still are such points but they are stronger and form part of a practically continuous defensive zone, really amounting to a maze of trenches and obstacles. Every known form of obstacle is used. Entanglements vary from loose coils of wire to securely staked net works of from 18 inches to nearly six feet in height and of different widths.

"These measures of defense are only such as is to be expected from troops which are well trained and have ample resources and time. The rate of advance necessarily is slow. When it is reported in laconic terms that ground has been gained at a certain point typographically the gain may amount to only a few yards. Tactically, on the other hand, the progress implied by even such a small step forward may be important for a trench, a cluster of trenches, the edge of a wood, a building, a village or a knoll may have been reached, possession of which will facilitate further operations.

"Siege approaches such as help the attacker to advance under cover and so to minimize the losses, but they do not and cannot obviate the liability of a surprise reception when once the enemy's works are gained. The only certain method of preventing this is by a prolonged bombardment with high explosive shells until trenches and machine guns are reduced to scrap heaps, or to mine under them and flow them into the air."

The Actual Fighting.

The report describing the actual fighting, repeats in substance the daily French official statements:

"From a prisoner captured on December 14," the report adds, "it has been ascertained that both the 23rd rigment and the Jaegars suffered enormous losses on November fourth and fifth. The troops were suffering very much from the presence of water in the trenches, he also said. The shelling that he went through on the 14th of this month, he states, exceeded anything which he had experienced previously.

"We have reason to believe from evidence obtained fro mprisoners that many of the soldiers are heartily sick of the war and resent the harsh treatment o ftheir officers. They have been persuaded that British illtreat their prisoners and but for this some would be willing to surrender.

"The Germans appear to be discarding their helmets, the pickelhauben, with which they have for 50 years been associated in the eyes of the world. Many variations in their uniforms are appearing. Some are wearing their peace clothing, which is of brighter color than the gray service dress. There is evidence that certain of the units facing us are much under strength."

Concerning the offensive movement of the Allies the observer says:

"In conjunction with the French, who also are pressing forward a movement has been started which has resulted in a small gain."

THE WEST FRONT

German Statement Says Desperate Fighting Continues in Belgium

Berlin, Dec. 20.—By wireless to London) The German army headquarters here today gave out an official communication as follows:

"On the west front the enemy has ceased his unsuccessful attacks upon us in the vicinity of Nieport and Bixschoote. The attacks near LaBasse which were made by the French and English, were beaten off with heavy loss to the enemy. Two hundred French and English were captured. Seven hundred bodies of English soldiers lay on our front near Notre Dame de Lorette.

"Southeast of Bethune we lost a trench 60 metres long which was taken by the enemy. Our losses were insignificant.

"We made some progress in the Argonne. We took three machine guns.

"On the frontiers of East and West Prussia there is nothing to report.

"In Poland the Russians are preparing strong positions near Rawa and Nidu. We are attacking them everywhere."

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LONGER WORLD SERIES IS NOT A WISE STEP

Is Concensus of Opinion of the Magnates.

It Is Pointed Out That Interest Cannot be Sustained for Even a Series Lasting for Seven Games

New York, Dec. 20—Although there has been considerable informal discussion among organized baseball magnates regarding the advisability of increasing the number of games to be played in future world's series, the club-owners realize that the proposition is one of many angles and are slow to take official actin on the proposed. Two plans were suggested. One called for nine games, of which five were necessary to win the title and with the players sharing in the receipts of the first five played. The other proposition was for an eleven-game series with six victories to clinch the championship, the players to share in the proceeds of the first five or six games.

These suggestions received but scant attention at the annual meeting of the National League held in New York recently. The senior organization magnates discussed the plan in a casual way without taking any action on it. One of the most prominent club-owners of the National League in reviewing the idea said that it was the general opinion that the 1915 season would be an inopportune period in which to attempt baseball innovations. Furthermore the plan involved a number of puzzling obstacles which would have to be removed before nine or eleven game series could be considered possible.

He pointed out that if two clubs widely separated, such as New York and Chicago, for instance, were to play for the championship the allotment of games would be a matter for the most careful consideration. On the nine-game basis it appeared probable that the series would open in the city winning the toss with three straight games after which the play would shift to the rival club grounds. Presuming that the teams were tied at the end of six games with the added possibility of bad weather and the extra days needed for travel it appeared questionable as to whether popular interest could be sustained to the point where the longer series would prove much more profitable than the seven-game plan.

That there is a basis for this line of reasoning in borne out by the records of past world's series. Even after making allowance for an increased interest in the championship series of recent years the gate receipts figures show that the final games of the long drawn out series fail to approach the receipts of the earlier contests. In past world series where the title was won in four or five games the receipts each day were close to one hundred per cent. of the park capacity. Where ever the series ran into seven or eight games there was a sharp slump in attendance and resultant receipts. In the 1912 series there was a difference of approximately $16,000 between the receipts of the seventh and eighth games. In the 1911 games between the Giants and Athletics the receipts decreased with each game. The Detroit-Pittsburg series of 1909, in which the rival clubs won alternating games up to the seventh, failed to sustain interest if the box office returns furnish accurate records.

Careful observation has led the magnates to the conclusion for the present at least, that the baseball public desires a sharp snappy world's series as a climax to the season. Long drawn out play, covering ten days or two weeks according to weather conditions appears to be a hazardous undertaking under present circumstances and it is extremely doubtful if there will be any effort to alter, during 1915, the regulations now governing the world's series.

CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZES AWARDED BY U. S. REVOLVER ASSOCIATION

Satisfactory Results in Recent Contests Despite Bad Weather.

New York, Dec. 20.—Awards of national championship prizes and State championship medals have been announced by the United States Revolver Association in connection with the recent outdoor contests which were held contemporaneously in different sections of the country. Although bad weather prevailed during many of the competitions the results were satisfactory. Following are the national medal winners in each class: Match A, A. P. Lane, New York; Match B, George Armstrong, San Francisco; Match C, C. McCutcheon, Denver Revolver club team; Match F, Dr. J. H. Snook, Columbus, and the grand aggregate prize for scores in four of these matches was awarded to A. P. Lane for a total score of 1,242.

Among the double winners of State championship medals in classes A and B were the following: George Armstrong, California; Dr. O. A. Burgeson, Colorado; Dr. Harry E. Soars, Massachusetts; A. P. Lane, New York; Dr. J. H. Snook, Ohio; William E. Quicksail, Pennsylvania, and Fred E. Spooner, Rhode Island.

TRAP SHOOTING AVERAGES SHOW SOME HIGH MARKS

Woolfolk Henderson Leads With 1,981 Out of 2,059 for Season.

New York, Dec. 20.—Trap shooting averages compiled from semi-official figures at all registered tournaments of the season just closed gives first place among the amateurs to Woolfolk Henderson, of Lexington, Ky. The National Amateur champion broke 1,981 targets out of 2,059 shot at for an average .966. The professional to score the highest average was L. H. Reid of Seattle, Washington, who shattered 2,146 targets out of 2,225 giving him a grand average of .964.

BEST FOR KIDNEYS—SAYS DOCTOR.

Dr. J. T. R. Neal, Greenville, So. Car., says that in his 30 years of experience he has found no preparation for the kidneys equal to Foley Kidney Pills. Pain in back and hips is an indication of kidney trouble—a warning to build up the weakened kidneys, make them vigorous, ridding your blood of acids and poisons. Foley Kidney Pills will help any case of kidney and bladder trouble not beyond the reach of medicine. In 50c and $1.00 sizes. Sold in your town by Rob't R. Bellamy.
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DEMANDS OF THE B.P.F. ANNOUNCED BY SULTZ

"Intended to Bring About a Better Understanding."

Articles Relate Almost Entirely to the Financial End of the Game and Are of Stringent Nature.

New York, Dec. 20.—President David L. Fultz, of the Baseball Players' Fraternity, today made public the provisions which the fraternity recently asked organized baseball to insert in its agreement with the players' association. No formal action has been taken on the request for the adoption for the national commission. The proposed provisions are intended, Mr. Fultz said, to bring a better understanding and agreement between major and minor lengues and the players. They are as follows:

1. A club which releases a player under an optional agreement shall, during the life of the option, pay the difference in salary between that previously paid by said club and that paid by the purchasing club.

2. A club which released a player outright shall pay the difference in salary, if any, between that previously paid by said club, and that paid by the purchasing club for a period of length of notice of unconditional release to which the player is entitled.

3. A player drafted, purchased or recalled by a club in a higher classification shall report to the said club either before the close of the season of the releasing club or immediately thereafter and shall be put upon salary.

4. A club releasing a player either outright or optionally, shall serve upon him a written notice containing in addition to the data mentioned in Section 4 of the "Fraternity Agreement," a statement of the minimum amount of salary he is to receive from the purchasing club, which shall be a reasonable salary for that classification.

5. A club releasing a player either outright or optionally shal furnish him with his traveling expenses to the point at which he is to join the participating club. The words "traveling expenses" shall, for the purposes of this agreement mean railroad fare, Pullman fare and price of meals, when either or both of the last two items are necessary.

6. A transferred player shall be allowed 48 hours in which to leave to join the participating team, unless a different period is agreed upon in writing between the parties.

7. Minor league players shall receive their traveling exepnses from their home to the training camps incurred in reporting for spring practice.

8. When waivers are asked upon a player the fraternity is to be notified.

9. That the commission and board furnish the management in the various organizations over which they have jurisdiction respectively, with forms of release making provision for the several itmes of information required by the agreements.

FOOTBALL COACHES SHOULD MAKE IT REGULAR BUSINESS

Is Opinion of Bill Edwards, Veteran Princeton Guard.

New York, Dec. 20.—That a football coach, to produce the best results, should make coaching a regular business is the opinion of William (Bill) Edwards, the famous Princeton guard. Edwards in stating his views on the future coaching system at Princeton, said recently:

"I believe absolutely in the one-man system. Football has become a regular business, and in any regular business, one man must stand at the head. There should never be considered any time any men but a Princeton football man for the position. Princeton has numerous men who can handle this job successfully, but when such a man is chosen, he must make football his regular business and give his entire time to the work. Such a man must be well paid, and this man should, I believe, have entire selection of the coaches under him."

Annual Report of County Auditor

For the Fiscal Year Ending November 30th, 1914.

December 7th, 1914.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners,
of New Hanover County, Wilmington, N. C.

Gentlemen:

Please find herewith attached my annual report of all County Funds for the year ending November 30th, 1914, together with certain statements and comment, as follows:

EXHIBIT "A"—General Balance Sheet.
EXHIBIT "B"—Revenue Statement.
EXHIBIT "C"—General County Fund.
EXHIBIT "D"—New Hanover County Road Fund.
EXHIBIT "E"—Special Bridge Fund.
EXHIBIT "F"—James Walker Memorial Hospital Fund
EXHIBIT "G"—Court House Fund.
EXHIBIT "H"—Road Bond Sinking Fund.
EXHIBIT "I"—Township Road Fund.
EXHIBIT "J"—Salary Fund.
EXHIBIT "K"—Health Department Fund.
EXHIBIT "L"—Work House Fund.
EXHIBIT "M"—School Bond Sinking Fund.
EXHIBIT "N"—Taxes and Licenses Charged to Sheriff 1913 and 1914, and amount paid over by him tot date.
EXHIBIT "O"—Recorder's Court—Fines and Costs.
EXHIBIT "P"—Maintenance of Convicts.
EXHIBIT "Q"—Distribution of Rock from Quarry.
EXHIBIT "R"—Statement County Home and Farm.

COMMENT.

You will note from Exhibit "C" that the increased cost of "Tax Listing" over last year was only $16.51 although the cost of printing abstracts and Tax Book forms for 1914 was paid by the County, thus enabling us to decrease the work and make up the Tax Book on the typewriter in a more neat and comprehensive shape.

I respectfully refer you to recommendation made in my report for 1913, with reference to the necessity for a law requiring all Deeds or other conveyances to be presented to the County Auditor for propr entry on Tax Books before being recorded. This matter has not yet been presented to the General Assembly, but our County Attorney has the matter under advisement, and I would suggest that you confer with him as to details of a bill to be presented the next session of the Legislature.

The overdraft in School Bond Sinking Fund is due to the fact that no tax levy was made in 1913 to coversame. Levy for 1914, however, is sufficient to take care of current interest as well as the overdraft.

The overdraft in the Health Department Fund is due to the fact that this account was charged with $2,779.38 to reimburse the General Fund for payments made on account of Incinerator, etc., and was taken care of in this year's levy.

The overdraft in the Special Bridge Fund was only partly taken care of by this year's Tax Levy, the remainder being carried temporarily by the Road Fund account.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. ORRELL,
County Auditor.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET.
As of November 30, 1914.
ASSETS.

Funded:			
Cash on Deposit by Auditor standing to credit of the following funds:			
Road Bond Sinking Fund	$ 9,344.26		
10 Road Bonds	10,000.00		
9 C. H. Bonds	4,500.00	$ 23,844.26	
Hospital Fund		512.26	
N. H. County Road Bond		29,456.76	
Work House		861.56	
Salary Fund		2,386.13	$ 57,060.97
Less Overdraft,			
General County Funds		820.35	
Special Bridge Fund		8,437.81	
School Bond Sinking Fund		4,876.10	
Health Department		2,872.04	17,006.30
			$ 40,054.67
Less Overdraft—School Fund			3,207.55
			$ 36,847.12
Current:			
Taxes 1914 due County		$ 71,918.67	
Taxes 1914 due Schools		58,695.54	$130,614.21

NECESSARY INVESTMENTS.

General County:			
Court House and ladn: Jail and land	$125,000.00		
Furniture and Fixtures	6,000.00	$131,000.00	
County Home and land	35,500.00		
Furniture, equipment and produce	4,327.62	39,827.62	
Work House (under construction)		19,138.44	
Oak Grove Cemetery	1,000.00		
Oak Grove Cemetery Lodge	75.00	1,075.00	
Federal Point railroad, less depreciation		10,000.00	
Camp and quarry equipment, road roller, etc		20,222.72	221,263.78
General School: (Including Buildings, Fixtures and Land).			
	White	Colored	
City Schools	$201,500.00	$13,500.00	$215,000.00
Rural Schools	20,955.00	7,135.00	28,090.00
	$222,455.00	$20,635.00	$243,090.00
Land donated by U. S. Government for Industrial School (estimated)			25,000.00
School Bond Funds expended in lands and building			132,174.87
			400,264.87
			$788,989.98

In determining value of School Property, I have used figures shown last year plus amount of Bond Funds so far expended in improvements as the Board of Education are not yet prepared to furnish a revised statement of these values.

Examined and found correct:
ALBERT H. MARSH & CO.
Public Accountant.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET.
As of November 30, 1914.
LIABILITIES.

Bonded Indebtedness:			
Court House 5s issued Feb. 18, 1891, due Jan. 1, 1917	$ 50,000.00		
Less, Redeemed	42,200.00	$ 7,800.00	
New Hanover County Road Fund:			
4½s issued Jan. 1, 1902, due Jan. 1, 1927	50,000.00		
4s issued July 1, 1905, due July 1, 1936	50,000.00		
4½s issued July 1, 1908, due July 1, 1933	50,000.00		
4½s issued July 1, 1911, due July 1, 1936	50,000.00		
5s issued July 1, 1913, due July 1, 1938	100,000.00	300,000.00	
New Hanover County School Bonds:			
5s issued July 1, 1913, due July 1, 1938		175,000.00	
Total Bonded Indebtedness		$482,800.00	
Floating:			
Interest accrued on Court House Bonds	$ 162.50		
Interest accrued on N. H. Co. Road Bonds	5,729.16		
Interest accrued on N. H. Co. School Bonds	3,645.83	9,537.49	
Notes Payable—County	5,000.00		
Notes Payable—Work House	20,000.00	25,000.00	
Notes Payable—Schools (State of N. C.)		4,060.00	
TOTAL		$ 521,397.49	
SURPLUS		267,592.49	
		$ 788,989.98	

Examined and found correct:
ALBERT H. MARSH & CO.
Public Accountants.

EXHIBIT "A".

GENERAL COUNTY FUNDS.
(Exclusive of Schools.)
For year ended November 30th, 1914.

Receipts and Transfers:		
General County Fund		$ 70,549.95
N. H. County Road Fund		104,888.84
Road Bond Sinking Fund		22,696.58
Hospital Fund		9,120.73
Health Department Fund		7,286.88
Special Bridge Fund		10,970.39
Court House Bond Fund		277.50
Salary Fund		20,956.59
Work House Fund		20,000.00
Township Road Fund		38.64
School Bond Sinking Fund		8,388.90
		$275,175.00
December 1st, 1913, overdraft		7,796.84
		$267,378.16
Disbursements and Transfers:		
General County Fund		$ 66,766.30
N. H. County Road Fund		64,504.28
Road Bond Sinking Fund		14,010.74
School Bond Sinking Fund		13,265.00
Hospital Fund		9,000.00
Health Department Fund		10,158.92
Township Road Fund		1,314.09
Special Bridge Fund		10,073.33
Court House Bond Fund		277.50
Salary Fund		18,814.89
Work House Fund		19,138.44
		$227,323.49
Balance on hand November 30, 1914		40,054.67
		$267,378.16

Examined and found correct:
ALBERT H. MARSH & CO.
Public Accountants.

EXHIBIT "B".

GENERAL FUND.
For the year ended November 30, 1914.
RECEIPTS.

Poll and Property Tax		$36,372.66	
Schedule "B" Tax		6,392.25	
Marriage Licenses		414.50	
Sale of Produce—County Home		1,649.96	
Hire of Prisoners—County Home		293.20	
Refund on Mules—County Home		9.38	
Hire of Prisoners		431.65	
Jail Fees—Magistrates			
Jail Fees—Superior Court			
Jail Fees—Recorder's Court		256.85	
Recorder's Court Costs		4,519.00	
Jury Tax		105.00	
Jury Meals		232.25	
Stenographer's Fees		241.60	
Fees, Auditor's Office (Schedule "B")		79.95	
Back Taxes		2,658.24	
Cancelled Warrants,		11.00	
Pender County, Part Bridge Expense		74.05	
Cost Bond Election—Road Fund	$705.78		
Cost Bond Election—School Fund	705.78	1,411.56	
Health Department, Refund, Incinerator, etc		2,779.38	
Notes Discounted		10,000.00	
Rent of Pest Houses		8.77	
Transfer from Salary Fund		244.43	
Transfer from Work House Fund		2,364.47	
Overdraft, November 30th, 1914		820.35	$ 71,370.30

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries:			
Attorney		$ 600.00	
Auditor		1,250.00	
Clerk to Board		1,600.00	
Clerk to Auditor		736.00	
Jailor		1,090.00	
Janitor		780.00	
Bridge Tender		360.00	
County Commissioners		1,495.00	
Magistrates		249.71	
Stationery and Advertising		1,549.86	
Jail		1,265.09	
Recorder's Court—Recorder's Salary	$2,000.00		
Recorder's Court—Solicitor's Salary	1,860.00		
Recorder's Court—Dy. Recorder's Salary	48.00		
Recorder's Court—Other Expenses	477.94	4,325.94	
Superior Court		7,907.27	
Advanced payments account Work House		2,364.47	
Road and Bridges		1,925.03	
Out Door Poor		3,774.80	
United Charities		1,509.35	
County Home		6,935.40	
Farm Demonstrator		750.00	
Elections		1,789.09	
Tax Listing		1,769.31	
Red Cross Society		1,500.00	
Military		600.00	
Coroner		365.45	
Constables		125.19	
Court House		4,635.88	
Interest on loans and overdrafts		651.21	
Transfer Court House Bond Fund		277.50	
Safe and Freight		185.50	
Notes Paid		10,000.00	
Advance to Sheriff		375.00	
Postage	$ 142.06		
Refunded Taxes	313.74		
Public Auditor	313.52		
Motorcycle, repairs and expense	238.33		
N. E. River Bridge repairs and expense	47.08		
Lodge, Oak Grove Cemetery	104.40		
Motor Licenses	17.00		
Attorney Fees and Making Bonds	475.00		
Advertising, Reports, etc.	60.48		
Advertising Account Bonds	15.96		
Appropriation Suppression Vice	605.00		
Attendance Pension Board,	16.00		
Insurance	1,136.15		
Capture escaped convicts and taking boy to Reformatory	221.17		
State Association County Commrs.	5.00		
Miscellaneous	293.96	3,768.52	66,766.30
Overdraft, December 1st, 1913			4,604.00
			$ 71,370.30

Examined and found correct:
ALBERT H. MARSH & CO.
Public Accountants.

EXHIBIT "C".

ROAD FUND.
For Year Ended November 30, 1914.
RECEIPTS.

Automobile License Tax from State	$ 2,131.40	
Sale of Bonds	100,000.00	
Sale of Dynamite	4.90	
Sale of Pigs	36.40	
Switching Cars	20.00	
Interest	1,155.83	
Insurance on Dead Mule	75.00	
Refund Insurance Premium on Mule	1.75	
Wages not called for	61.66	
Refund Warrtnts 949-950	4.56	
Claim collected for Truck fan lost in transit	3.25	
Refund for Truck parts returned manufacturer	7.10	
Transfer from Township Road Fund	1,314.09	
Sancelled Warrants, No. 502 and	72.96	$104,838.84

DISBURSEMENTS.

Nov. 30, 1913, Overdraft	$ 10,927.80	
Tools and Machinery	212.05	
Mules Purchased	1,440.00	
Wagons and Harness	407.18	
Clothing and Bedding	2,964.62	
Material—Rock, Lumber, etc.	4,335.27	
Supplies—Hardware, Nails, etc.	1,617.52	
Miscellaneous Repairs	1,216.46	
Feeding Prisoners	10,222.46	
Feeding Mules	4,248.86	
Shoeing Mules	182.88	
Foremen—Guards and Labor	10,182.87	
Coal	976.86	
Current for Pump and Lights	921.12	
Freight on Rock, etc.	6,772.88	
Oil and Kerosene	740.79	
Auto. Supplies and Repairs	305.49	
Truck, Supplies and Repairs	1,050.93	
Medicine for Mules	46.76	
Half Expense Bond Issue	705.78	
Removing Body of Convict	8.00	
Dynamite	155.02	
Vaccine, Fly Paper, etc.	5.62	
Rent Quarters Castle Hayne	23.98	
Tents	426.45	
Grading Villa View Road	697.82	
Screens	1.25	
Demurrage,	2.00	
Civil Engineer, $87.65—104.90	192.55	
Insurance on Mules	173.25	
Auto Service	5.00	
Stationery	9.25	
Plowing, Seeding and Harvesting, Oats and Vetch, Gregerson Land	305.25	
Plowing and Seeding Peas, Gregerson Land	130.68	
Examination of Roads (S. H. Owens)	33.85	
Notes Paid	10,000.00	
Royalty on Rock (Est. I. B. R.)	782.53	
Freight and Telegrams	.80	
Canvas for Cage	50.00	
Phones	48.00	
Work on Island Creek Road	76.25	
Rewards	227.60	
Expense Capturing Convicts	226.63	
Search for Convicts	164.00	
Phone Tolls and Telegrams	10.51	
Road Oil	2,821.26	
Advertising Rewards	1.32	
Oil Cloth	.83	
Stove Pipe	.50	
Needles and Thread	.30	
Moving House Federal Point Road	18.00	
Impounding Hogs	5.00	
Balance, November 30th, 1914	29,456.76	$104,888.84

Examined and found correct:
ALBERT H. MARSH & CO.
Public Accountants.

EXHIBIT "D".

SPECIAL BRIDGE FUND.
For the Year Ended November 30, 1914.
RECEIPTS.

Taxes as per Levy	$ 10,970.39	
November 30, Overdraft	8,437.81	$ 19,408.20
DISBURSEMENTS.		
December 1, Overdraft	$ 9,334.87	
Note Paid	10,000.00	
Interest on Note	73.33	$ 19,408.20

Examined and found correct:
ALBERT H. MARSH & CO.
Public Accountants.

EXHIBIT "E".

HOSPITAL FUND.
For the Year Ended November 30, 1914.
RECEIPTS.

1913 December 1st, Balance on hand		$ 391.53	
Taxes as per Levy		9,120.73	$ 9,512.26
Appropriation for the year		9,000.00	
November 30, Balance		512.26	$ 9,512.26

Examined and found correct:
ALBERT H. MARSH & CO.
Public Accountants.

EXHIBIT "F".

COURT HOUSE BOND FUND.
For the Year Ended November 30, 1914.
RECEIPTS.

Transferred from General Fund	$ 277.50	
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Interest on Bonds	$ 277.50	

Examined and found correct:
ALBERT H. MARSH & CO.
Public Accountants.

EXHIBIT "G".

ROAD BOND SINKING FUND.
For the Year Ended November 30, 1914.
RECEIPTS.

1913 Dec. 1st, Balance on hand	$ 15,158.42	
Taxes as per Levy	19,444.53	
Interest on Deposits	417.33	
Interest on Bonds $250.00—$362.50	612.50	
Interest on Bonds Sold, 7-1-13 to 12-10-13	2,222.22	$ 37,855.00
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Interest on Bonds	$ 13,725.00	
Accrued Interestt on Bonds Bought	285.74	
Balance on hand November 30th, 1914	23,844.26	$ 37,855.00

Examined and found correct:
ALBERT H. MARSH & CO.
Public Accountants.

EXHIBIT "H".

TOWNSHIP ROAD FUND.
For the Year Ended November 30, 1914.
RECEIPTS.

1913 Dec. 1, Balance on hand	$ 1,275.45	
Interest	38.64	$ 1,314.09
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Transfer to N. H. Co. Road Fund, Cape Fear township	583.13	
Federal Pt. township	130.62	
Harnett township	570.13	
Masonboro township	30.21	$ 1,314.09

Examined and found correct:
ALBERT H. MARSH & CO.
Public Accountants.

EXHIBIT "I".

SALARY FUND.
For the Year Ended November 30, 1914.

	Sheriff	Clerk S.C.	Register	Constable	Bond Premium	Total
December	$1,105.05	$ 389.42	$ 428.90	$ 79.67	$ ------	$2,003.05
January	------	478.31	407.40	26.80	------	912.51
February	2,749.79	403.77	362.35	76.30	------	3,592.21
March	830.31	310.35	405.40	39.30	140.62	1,725.98
April	582.76	434.97	453.30	26.70	------	1,499.73
May	388.60	381.16	476.00	76.07	------	1,320.83
June	524.52	391.50	434.40	76.75	------	1,427.17
July	288.30	1039.48	486.65	79.30	------	1,893.73
August	317.37	298.17	------	57.73	------	673.27
September	238.24	360.30	732.90	81.90	------	1,413.34
October	1,239.34	770.25	308.35	52.40	------	2,370.24
November	1,228.20	537.58	310.05	48.60	------	2,124.43
Total	$9,492.49	$5,795.26	$4,806.70	$721.52	140.62	$20,956.58
DISBURSEMENTS.						
December	$ 643.10 1.19	$ 379.17	$ 358.33	$ 75.00	$ 340.62	$1,796.22
January	541.67	379.17	358.33	60.00	------	1,340.36
February	573.34	379.16	358.34	75.00	------	1,385.84
March	547.55	379.17	358.33	60.00	------	1,345.05
April	864.61	379.17	358.33	60.00	------	1,662.11
May	827.67	379.17	358.33	75.00	------	1,640.17
June	543.57	386.66	423.34	75.00	87.50	1,316.07
July	697.12	379.17	359.93	75.00	------	1,511.22
August	352.97	379.16	358.33	60.00	------	1,350.46
September	571.06	379.17	358.33	75.00	------	1,383.56
October	659.16	379.17	358.34	60.00	------	1,456.67
November	541.66	379.16	358.34	60.00	------	1,339.16
Provisions	24.15	for Jail from County Home.				24.15
Provisions	819.42	for Jail, Purchased				819.42
Total	$8,408.24	$4,557.50	$4,366.60	$810.00	$428.12	$18,670.46

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WILSON TOBACCO SALES HIGH ABOVE LAST YEAR

Difference of Seven Million Pounds in Figures

Over Three Million Dollars Paid Out for Tobacco in Wilson During First Four Months of Season —Close for Holidays.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, Dec. 20.—With this week, the tobacco market is closed for the holidays and the fourth month of the season ends and Wilson jumps 7,000,000 pounds over the total receipts for 1913 and in four months has paid out $3,712,964.48 for 27,411,927 pounds of bright leaf tobacco, breaking all records in receipts and with the exception of 1911, 1912 and 1913, passes all records for average price.

December was a good month with 8,689,544 pounds sold in 14 days at an average price of $14.91. The season of 1913 was a good one, with total receipts of 20,819,180 pounds at an average price of $19.03 and the total amount of money paid for leaf that season was $3,954,108.54—the largest amount ever paid out on this market, but the present season will go beyond that figure even with a reduced price for the conservative tobacco men estimate that 4,000,000 pounds will yet be sold on this market.

Records for the past 12 years furnished by Mr. R. P. Watson, president of the Tobacco Board of Trade, tell an interesting story. The year 1902 leads all years until this season with total receipts of 22,296,077 pounds, but the average price that year was only $10.90. In the following year the market sold 22,201,771 pounds for $1,509,298.59, an average price of only $6.79. The largest receipts on this market after 1903 until 1913 was the year 1908 when 18,752,257 pounds were sold at an average price of $9.84. In 1912, when the price of the leaf went to the average of $19.88—the highest in the 12 years—the total receipts were only 16,381,096 and the sales amounted to $2,950,485.17 or almost a million dollars less than has already been paid, for the leaf this season.

In other words, the first four months of this season, the Wilson tobacco market has handled and sold 27,411,927 pounds of tobacco for $3,712,964.48 or three times as much leaf as was handled the entire season of 1911 and at just about the same price. The total sales for 1911 amounting to $1,316,382.81 and during the past four months farmers have received $3,712,964.48. The question disturbing the merchants is—Where did the money go? It is not on deposit and it has not been spent.

SOUTHPORT TO AID BELGIANS

School Children Raise Goodly Amount. Other News From the Lower Cape Fear Section.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Southport, Dec. 19.—The pupils of the High School, with energetic efforts, and through small contributions, have raised a fund of $17.25 for the Belgian sufferers. The Commercial Association, early in January, will, for the same cause, raise contributions and make up as large a fund as possible. It is the local feeling that this community has been greatly blessed during 1914, and that while conditions might be better, yet the people here are inclined towards giving as much as they can to those unfortunates of Belgium, which has been started by the young people of the school.

The Christmas spirit is to be noted by the noise of the pop-pistol. The schools closed yesterday, to open again January 4th, the holiday vacation of two weeks.

Very different from the Thanksgiving day turkey offerings, are the numbers now brought in for the Christmas trade, 20 pounders not uncommon. A few wild turkeys have been shot by local sportsmen, but there are not many in the woods, say hunters.

The work of the torrida is to be seen in its destructive effect upon the pilings of the coal pier, nearly the entire structure having to be replaced, creosoted pilings being used in the rebuilding of this pier.

There is no apparent diminution in the receipt of wet goods, the kind too many people think necessary to complete their Christmas cheer. The paste board package calls for no label to tell of what it contains, and these packages are more openly exhibited at this season than at any other.

The season for the up the river fish houses, menhaden, is ended. The Southport Fish Scrap and Oil Company is busy, and there is a little doing, locally, sea bass (black fish), whiting and croakers being brought in, with some northern shipments of sea-bass.

WILSON NEWS NOTES

Aged Man Dies at Newport News and Buried at Wilson.

(Special Star Correspodnence.)

Wilson, Dec. 20.—Joseph Meredith, aged 73, a former resident of Wilson, died at Newport News, Va., several days ago. The remains were brought here Friday and after a service at St. Timothy's Episcopal church were buried at Maplewood cemetery.

In a spirited debate at the high school Friday night on the question, "Should the United States aid the Belgians?" the negative won. Charles McLean and Needham Holden represented the affirmative and George Green and Will P. Anderson, the negative.

Saturday morning two young people of Wilson arranged to elope. They went to the station but the father of the young girl, who is under the legal age, heard of the affair and by quick action averted the trip.

The Wilson graded schools are closed for a week's holiday and will reopen December 28 and at that time graded school building No. 2, erected this fall, will be ready for occupancy.

The Wilson high school girls defeated the Kinston girls in a game of basketball Saturday with the score of 27 to 19. The Wilson team defeated the Smithfield team Friday in a score of 31 to 3.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR

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Surplus	$1,084.25	$1,237.76	$ 440.10	$ 2,386.13
Deficit			$ 88.48	$ 287.50

Balance December 1, 1913, $244.43, transferred to General Fund.

Examined and found correct:
ALBERT H. MARSH & CO.
Public Accountants.

EXHIBIT "J".

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
RECEIPTS.

Taxes as per Levy	$ 7,286.88	
Overdraft, November 30, 1914	2,872.04	$ 10,158.92

DISBURSEMENTS.

Appropriation	5,525.64	
Fees—Vital Statistics Registrars	74.25	
City of Wilmington account Incinerator	1,701.18	
Difference Salary Health Officers	58.32	
Expenses Health Officers	20.15	
Transfer to General Fund, former payments account Incinerator	2,779.38	$ 10,158.92

Examined and found correct:
ALBERT H. MARSH & CO.
Public Accountants.

EXHIBIT "K".

WORK HOUSE.
RECEIPTS.

Notes Discounted	$ 20,000.00	$ 20,000.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Interest on Note	$ 300.00	
Transfer to General Fund for Material Purchased	2,364.47	
Labor and Material in Construction	16,473.97	$ 19,138.44
Balance on Hand	861.56	861.56
		$ 20,000.00

Examined and found correct:
ALBERT H. MARSH & CO.
Public Accountants.

EXHIBIT "L".

SCHOOL BOND SINKING FUND.
For the Year Ended November 30, 1914.
RECEIPTS.

Interest on Bonds sold 7-1-13 to 12-10-13	$ 3,888.90	
Note Discounted	4,500.00	
Nov. 30th, Overdrawn	4,876.10	$ 13,265.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Coupons Paid	8,675.00	
Interest on Note	90.00	
Note Paid	4,500.00	$ 13,265.00

Examined and found correct:
ALBERT H. MARSH CO.
Public Accountants.

EXHIBIT "M".

Statement of 1913 Taxes and Licenses Charged to Sheriff and Amount Paid by Him to the Auditor, as of Date November 30th, 1914.

Listed:			Assessment.	
Real and Personal (White)			$14,095,091.00	
Real and Personal (Colored)			741,934.00	
Bank Stock and Corporate Excess			4,289,246.00	
Total			$19,126,271.00	$157,472.94
Polls (White)	3341			
Polls (Colored)	1370	4711		8,856.68
Dogs		69		138.00
Total				$166,467.62
Gains				24.33
Listed by Sheriff:				
Real and Personal			$90,606.00@82 1-3	$ 746.00
Polls (White)	232			
Polls (Colored)	350	582@1.88		1,094.16
Dogs		1@2.00		2.00
Listed by Auditor:				
Real and Personal			$18,161.00	
Corporate Excess			6,712.00	
Bank Stotck			18,450.00	43,327.00@82 1-3 356.69
Polls (White)		21@1.88		39.48
Delinquents collected:				
Real and Personal			139,790.00@82 1-3	1,150.94
Polls		5@1.88		9.40
Delinquents sold:				
Real and Personal			24,329.00@82 1-3	200.36
Polls		3@1.88		5.64
Income				20.00
Schedule "B"				5,945.41
Collected since 1912:				
Personal			$11,847.00	
Corporate, Excess & Bank Stock		9,161.00	21,008.00@75	157.57
Polls		160@2.51		401.60
Total charged to Sheriff				$176,621.20
CREDITS.				
Insolvent Polls		13@1.88		24.44
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Insolvent Personal			108,542.00@82 1-3	893.66
Insolvent Dogs		9@2.00		18.00
Insolvent Real			53,816.00@82 1-3	443.08
Insolvent Corporate Excess & Bk Stk			68,693.00@82 1-3	565.56
Abatements:				
Real, Personal, etc			166,923.00	1,374.38
Polls		54@1.88		101.52
Dogs		2@2.00		4.00
Real Estate & Personal sold for Taxes			150,574.00@1.10	1,656.65
Real Estate and Personal sold for Taxes			80,837.00@82 1-3	665.60
Polls sold with Real Estate		59@2.00		118.00
Dogs sold with Real Estate		2@2.00		4.00
Income				69.75
Total Credits				$ 8,403.32
Collected by Sheriff				$168,217.88
Sheriff's Commission				5,170.73
Amount paid Auditor				163,047.15
Total				$168,217.88
Collections Credited to School Fund				$ 42,411.17
Collections Credited to School Fund, Special				27,426.01
				$ 69,837.18
General Fund				44,899.43
Poor Fund				1,488.01
Hospital Fund				9,120.73
Road Sinking Fund				19,444.53
Special Bridge Fund				10,970.39
Health Department				7,286.88
				$163,047.15

Examined and found correct:
ALBERT H. MARSH CO.
Public Accountants.

EXHIBIT "N".

Statement of 1914 Taxes and Licenses Charged to Sheriff and Amount Paid by Him to the Auditor, as of Date November 30th, 1914.

Real and Personal (White)		$11,757,045.00	
Real and Personal (Colored)		754,325.00	
Real and Personal (Corporations)		2,642,514.00	
Bank Stock and Corporate Excess		4,160,838.00	
		$19,314,722.00@82 1-3	$159,024.54
Fractional Gains			11.36
Polls (White)	3509		
Polls (Colored)	1669	5178@1.88	9,734.64
Dogs	3		6.00
			$168,776.54
Schedule "B"			6,573.01
Total Charged to Sheriff			$175,349.55
Amount Paid to Auditor Nov. 30, 1914			44,735.34
Amount to be collected			$130,614.21

	Paid	Uncollected
School Funds	$ 9,535.55	$ 36,875.10
Special School Funds	7,151.64	21,820.44
General Fund	28,048.15	20,376.58
Poor Fund		1,967.64
Hospital Fund		9,657.36
Road Sinking Fund		14,807.95
School Sinking Fund		13,520.31
Special Bridge Fund		3,862.94
Health Department Fund		7,725.89
	$44,735.34	$130,614.21
		44,735.34
		$175,349.55

Examined and found correct:
ALBERT H. MARSH CO.
Public Accountants.

EXHIBIT "N".

RECORDER'S COURT—Fines and Costs.
For the Year Ended November 30, 1914.
Current Fines and Costs Collected During Year:

		Fines	Costs	Jail Fees	Solicitor	Total
December,	1913	$ 127.00	$ 261.80	$ 9.15	$ 51.50	$ 449.45
January	1914	124.75	192.70	14.55	37.50	369.50
February	"	100.45	180.85	12.75	33.25	327.30
March	"	120.50	264.55	11.30	56.50	452.85
April	"	235.00	241.85	13.30	53.25	543.40
May	"	279.00	212.30	10.95	40.75	543.00
June	"	185.95	291.20	18.70	56.00	551.85
July	"	96.25	233.10	7.70	47.50	384.55
August	"	204.45	361.75	15.00	71.25	652.45
September	"	140.00	414.90	8.30	92.50	655.70
October	"	132.55	283.85	13.65	57.00	487.05
November	"	50.00	217.60	5.60	39.75	312.95
Total		$1,795.90	$3,156.45	$ 140.95	$ 636.75	$5,730.05
Delinquents prior to Dec. 1st, 1914, collected during present year:						
December,	1913	$ 6.40				$ 6.40
Delinquents December 1st, 1912, to Nov. 30, 1913, collected during present year:						
December,	1913	30.00	18.40	.85	3.25	52.50
January	1914	10.00	9.15	.85	1.00	21.00
February	"	3.45				3.45
June	"	5.00	4.70		.75	10.45
Total		48.45	32.25	1.70	5.00	87.40
Delinquents Dec. 1, 1913 to Nov. 30, 1914, collected during present year:						
January,	1914	$ 104.30	$ 35.05	$ 3.40	$ 6.75	$ 149.50
February	"	87.90	11.50	3.95	2.75	106.00
March	"	21.15	29.65		5.75	56.55
April	"	24.50	59.15	6.45	10.50	100.60
May	"	10.45	18.55		4.00	33.00
June	"	34.70	38.85	1.95	7.00	82.50
July	"	142.00	36.75	2.45	7.50	188.70
August	"	116.75	41.45	2.55	7.00	167.75
September	"	40.55	31.85	1.85	6.00	80.25
October	"	10.00	38.30	1.85	7.75	57.90
November	"	15.00	45.85	1.95	6.50	69.30
Total		607.20	386.95	26.40	71.50	1,092.05
Recapitulation of Collections:						
Current		$1,795.50	$3,156.45	$ 140.95	$ 636.75	$5,730.05
Delin. prior to 12-1-12			6.40			6.40
Delin. 12-1-12 to 11-30-13		48.45	32.25	1.70	5.00	87.40
Delin. 12-1-13 to 11-30-14		607.20	386.95	26.40	71.50	1,092.05
Civil Cases			143.55			143.55
Appeals			51.20		9.75	60.95
Transcripts			1.75			1.75
Total		2,451.55	3,778.55	169.05	723.00	7,122.15

Delinquents now outtstanding	Delinquent	Collected	Still Delinquent
Prior to Dec. 1, 1912	$3,557.31	$ 6.40	$3,550.91
Dec. 1, 1912 to Apr. 30, 1913	68.10		68.10
May 1, 1913 to Nov. 30, 1913	90.10	87.40	2.70
Dec. 1, 1913, to Nov. 30., 1914	1,219.75	1,092.05	127.70
Total	$4,935.26	$1,185.85	$3,749.41

$82.55 of 1914 Delinquents has been paid since November 30th.
Detail of Delinquents, Dec. 1st, 1913, to Nov. 30th, 1914.

Date	Docket	Amount
March 12, 1914	B-1172	$ 5.45
April 24, 1914	C- 239	.10
September 15, 1914	C-1189	3.10
September 15, 1914	D- 1	3.10
October 5, 1914	D- 108	27.75
October 26, 1914	D- 263	5.75
	D- 312 Paid December	25.00
	D- 414 Paid December	57.45
		$127.70

Examined and found correct:
ALBERT H. MARSH CO.
Public Accountants.

EXHIBIT "O".

COST FEEDING PRISONERS, ETC.

Cost of Feeding Prisoners	$10,222.46
Total Prison Days	32,923
Average cost per man per day	$ 0.3105
Cost of Clothing and Bedding	$ 2,364.62
Average cost per man per day	$ 0.0718
Average Cost Feeding and Clothing	$ 0.3823
Cost Foreman, Guards and Labor	$10,132.87
Cost Medicines, Rewards, etc.	$ 618.23
Total average cost per man per day	$ 0.7089

Examined and found correct:
ALBERT H. MARSH CO.
Public Accountants.

EXHIBIT "P".

DISTRIBUTION OF ROCK FROM QUARRY.
For the Year Ended November 30, 1914.
TONS.

		Rock Dist.	Castle Haynes	Scotts Hill	Turnpike	Fedr. Point	Mason-boro	17th St.	Villa view	Sunset Park
Dec.	1913	405	185½	5	120	5	90	----	----	----
Jan.	1914	940	85	25	230	20	----	----	280	300
Feb.	"	1,425	15	115	295	----	----	----	1,000	----
March	"	1,025	55	350	125	45	30	----	420	----
April	"	536	----	106	210	----	100	----	120	----
May	"	265	----	80	65	----	----	----	120	----
June	"	635	10	105	395	45	20	60	----	----
July	"	535	190	135	120	30	60	----	----	----
Aug.	"	315	125	20	85	----	85	----	----	----
Sept.	"	375	100	175	100	----	----	----	----	----
Oct.	"	300	100	----	200	----	----	----	----	----
Nov.	"	192	----	----	192	----	----	----	----	----
Total		6,948	865	1,116	2,137	145	385	60	1,940	300
Gravel Bought		6,222	----	3,548	600	----	----	----	2,074	----
		13,170	865	4,664	2,737	145	385	60	4,014	300

Rock Distributed	By Cars	By Truck
December, 1913	405	120	285
January, 1914	940	600	340
February "	1,425	1,160	265
March "	1,025	420	605
April "	536	120	416
May "	265	120	145
June "	635	60	575
July "	535	150	385
August "	315	100	215
September "	375	100	275
October "	300	300	---
November "	192	100	92
Total	6,948	3,350	3,598

EXHIBIT "Q".

WORK DONE BY ROAD FORCE.
Year Ended November 30th, 1914.

Macadam Roads Built:
- 285 Yards, Seventeenth Street
- 1 Mile, Villa View — Total 1 1-6 Miles

Macadam Road completely rebuilt:
- ¼ Mile Turnpike
- 4 Miles Scott's Hill — Total 4 1-2 Miles

Macadam Roads worked and patched:
- 6 Miles Castle Hayne Road
- 1¼ Mile Turnpike
- 2½ Miles Turnpike
- 4½ Miles Scott's Hill Road
- 2½ Miles Masonboro Road — Total 17 Miles

Dirt Roads Rebuilt:
- 1 Mile Wrightsboro—30 ft. wide
- 4 2-3 Miles Federal Point—40 ftt. wide
- 500 Yards Gordon Road
- 1 Mile Middle Sound
- 2 Miles Greenville Road — Total 9 Miles

Right of Way Cut, stumped and cleared:
- 2 Miles Gordon Road
- 2½ Miles Greenville Road
- 1 Mile Villa View Road — Total 5½ Miles

Dirt Roads Worked:
- 5 Miles Island Creek, January
- 5 Miles Island Creek, November — Total 10 Miles

Weeds Cut:
- 14 Miles (2 trips) Castle Hayne Road
- 8 Miles, Turnpike
- 11 Miles Scott's Hill Road
- 30 Miles (2 trips) Masonboro and Belt — Total 63 Miles

Fills Made:
- 2 Days Castle Hayne Road
- 10 Days Summer Rest
- 10 Days Lighthouse
- 20 Days, Gordon Road
- 2 Days Sea Gate School House — Total 45 Days

Pipe Laid:
- 30 feet 20"-14 ft. 12" Castle Hayne Road.
- 140 feet 12" taken up and relaid Winter Park.
- 68 feet 20", Scott's Hill.
- 50 feet 20"-40 ft. 12"-40 ft. 10", Federal Point.
- 3 Days laying pipe at Tuberculosis Hospital.
- 132 feet 18", Gordon Road.
- 194 feet 20"-100 ft. 12", Greenville Road.
- 70 feet 12", Villa View.

Ditching:
- 2900 Yards cleaned at Winter Park.
- 1760 Yards cleaned at Castle St. Road.
- 117 Yards cut, Greenville Road.
- 4,660 Yards Cleaned } Total, 4,777.
- 117 Yards Cut }

Roads oiled
- Used 5 cars road oil.
- 3.7 Miles oiled around Carolina Heights to Scott's Hill Road.
- 3.4 Miles oiled, Turnpike-Castle St., through Winter Park.
- 2.5 Miles oiled, Villa View and Wrightsville.
- 3. Miles oiled, Downing Branch to Hewlett's Creek.
- 6. Miles oiled, Castle Hayne Road.
- 18.6 Miles Total.

Mile Posts put on all Macadam Roads.
Six Miles Strawed, Federal Point Road.
Six Miles Railroad Track taken up and hauled.
Smiths Creek Bridge:
- New Floor.
- General Repairs.
- Painted.

All Bridges Repaired.

EXHIBIT "Q".

Cost of Keeping Inmates and Prisoners at County Home.
For Year Ending November 30, 1914.

Provisions and Supplies		$ 2,051.85
Maintenance		132.48
Superintendent		300.00
Inventory, Dec. 1, 1913	$697.80	
Inventory, November 30, 1914	684.08	13.72
Vegetables from Farm, estimated		365.00
		$ 2,863.05
Number Inmate days, 7,999@$0.1472		$ 1,177.29
Number Prisoner days, 11,454@$0.1472		1,685.76
		$ 2,863.05

EXHIBIT "R".

STATEMENT OF COUNTY FARM.
For Year Ending November 30, 1914.

Inventory, December 1, 1913		$ 2,703.47
Detail Expenses:		
Salary Superintendent	$ 780.00	
Salary Guards	492.66	
Salary Plowmen	479.68	
Repairs to Vehicles and Machinery	63.45	
Stove for Potato House and other hardware	246.63	
Cow Feed (part)	59.10	
Shoeing Mules	26.70	
Veterinary	3.00	
Baskets (Vegetable)	33.00	
Lime	78.00	
Fertilizer	821.19	
Capture Convicts	13.00	
Seed:		
Lettuce	$ 6.75	
Potatoes	39.50	
Cow Peas	81.96	
Peanuts	12.60	
Oats, Rye and Vetch	80.45	
Innoculation	28.00	
Truck Crops	67.30	316.65
Potato Boxes and Crates	51.00	
Peanut Bags	9.75	
Ginning Cotton (1913)	43.00	
Baling Hay and Threshing Peanuts (1913)	48.27	
Two Mules	531.83	
Wagon and Harness	105.10	
One Bull (sold since)	31.05	
Two Cows	125.00	
Subsoiling Dynamite	7.50	
Insurance, Superintendent's Bond	10.00	
Insurance, Mules	28.00	
Expenses Potato House	4.30	
Cutting Oats and Vetch	12.00	
Potato Barrels	3.30	
Shackles	1.00	
Meat	6.10	
Paris Green	2.10	
Two Brood Sows	32.75	
Lumber	7.04	
Cement	1.50	
Baling Hay (1914)	34.32	
Miscellaneous	8.30	4,516.27
		$ 7,219.74

CREDITS.

Sale of Produce	$ 1,649.96
Hire of Prisoners	293.20
Refund on Mules	9.38
Vegetables used by County Home	365.06
Inventory, November 30, 1914	3,643.54
	$ 5,961.08
Loss	1,258.66
	$ 7,219.74

EXHIBIT "R".

To offset this loss there are 15 acres of land cleared and brought under cultivation and there are 9,500 pounds of cotton on hand which was figured at 7 cents per pound.

The overdraft in the Special Bridge Fund was only partly taken care of by this year's Tax Levy, the remainder being carried temporarily by the Road Fund account.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. ORRELL,
County Auditor.

ALBERT H. MARSH & CO.
Successors to
ALBERT H. MARSH
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
Augusta, Ga.

December 7th, 1914.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners,
of New Hanover County, Wilmington, N. C.
Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your instructions, I have examined the books and accounts of your County Auditor and Treasurer for the Twelve months ended November 30th, 1914, and I wish to make the following comment in regard to same

I have carefully examined all financial records and the results embodied in the Annual Report of your County Auditor and Treasurer are correct and I have approved his statements on their face. His report covers General County transactions. I examined his accounts with the Board of Education only to the extent of verifying his receipts from the various County offices and to see that his disbursements were properly substantiated.

ACCOUNTS.

The system of accounts that you now have are well arranged and in such a manner as to truly reflect the financial condition of the County at all times, as nearly approximating ordinary commercial methods as practicable. You have an intelligent direction over the affairs of the County in every detail at all times.

DELINQUENT TAXES.

In my report of last year I referred to the large amount of delinquent taxes on Real Estate outstanding, amounting to an apparent estimate of $25,000.00. These delinquents extend over a long period and the amount remains today practically the same. In my opinion, the most efficacious means of decreasing this amount is by the passage of an Act by the General Assembly requiring payment of back taxes before conveyance of property can be made. Reference to Exhibit "N" (Auditor's Report) shows the urgent need of such legislation. You will note that there was $231,411.00 of Real Estate (and Personal carried with it) sold for taxes, on which School and County taxes amounted to $1,905.28. This is a very bad condition of affairs and should be remedied.

INVENTORIES.

On December 1st Messrs. Orrell, Burnett and myself visited the County Home and the various Convict camps and took a careful inventory of County property at each place in detail, and these figures were used in the preparation of your County Auditor's report.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the various officers and employes of the various departments for the courtesy and assistance rendered to my assistant and myself in the course of this examination.

Respecutfully submitted,

ALBERT H. MARSH & CO.
By ALBERT H. MARSH.
Examining Accountant

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1914.

Suppression of news does not alter the effect of an occurrence itself.

Injustice is wreaked in many a Court of Justice.

Is everybody in North Carolina satisfied with the State's trial injustice system?

It is easy to get into a Georgia court but it is a long way to much of a chance to get out.

Every county in North Carolina ought to have its affairs conducted economically and not with extravagant niggardliness.

Probably those Mexicans who are taken out and shot every morning are fellows who insist on hanging out down town and keeping the police awake.

War will be no more when men quit raising cain. Agitation, friction, controversies and conflicts are brought on by men who can be depended upon to start something.

A great many people continue to believe that prosperity is due to politics. They are in the primary class and haven't studied anything but politics. Later on they may get in the economic science class.

New York gamblers in wheat went to "selling" on the futures market on Friday on account of "peace rumors." This shows how easy it is to make New Yorkers believe all kinds of reports.

A New York judge has held that a woman has a right to furs bought by her husband for another woman. It should be stated that the judge merely affirmed the decision of a man's wife who seized various and sundry wraps and confiscated them in accordance with her own judgment. She happened to be intuitively correct.

Up to a few days ago Turkey held suzerainty over Egypt, but owing to the fact that Turkey is taking a hand in the war, Great Britain has declared a protectorate over Egypt. Inasmuch as Great Britain has been in possession of Egypt for years, Turkey probably has all along considered that her suzerainty was of a purely complimentary character.

It is announced from Washington that it will take five years to get our army and navy in trim for a scrap. If any nation is hog enough to want to take advantage of us, knowing what a bad fix we will be in, during those five years of preparation, it had better not wait till we get ready. We should say that now is the time to swat Uncle Sam. We might as well make this known as for those in high places at Washington to be giving out similar punk for publication.

A half dozen lynchings among the 30,000,000 people of the South caused New York papers to heap reproach on the whole section, while the scores of murders by gunmen and hired assassins in New York city are only credited to just a class in the midst of about 6,000,000 people. No sensible man in the South puts the blame on New York because one of its citizens can hire a thug for a few dollars to "croak" a fellow who "comes in between him and his rag." Crime everywhere and anywhere calls for execration and denunciation — not the community where it happens to be committed.

The Philadelphia Record says we are doing a huge business in feeding the European belligerents, and, consequently, are doing what will prolong the war. This is indicated by the fact that wheat exports in November jumped from less than 4,000,000 bushels last year to more than 19,000,000 bushels this year. Oats exports leaped from 18,000 to 7,000,000 bushels, and corn from less than half a million to more than 2,000,000 bushels. Canned beef exports last month exceeded 9,000,000 pounds, against 177,000 pounds a year ago. Fresh meat increased from less than half a million to 12,000,000 pounds.

HAZING STILL PRACTICED

Substantial, patriotic, thinking citizens of North Carolina and members of the various religious denominations in the State—in fact the people who through all the years have been the support of the State and church colleges—following the tragic hazing episode at the University two years ago which resulted in the death of a student, breathed a sigh of relief, so strong was their hope that the shock given to the college authorities and the sentiment created would put an end to the uncivilized practice in North Carolina.

Nevertheless, it seems that such hopes were vain, for it has just "leaked" out through a Raleigh correspondent (not a college correspondent, of course) that Raleigh Baptists have been recently mortified by a hazing and shooting affair at Wake Forest College that came very near ending with a fatality. It also "leaks" out that friends of A. & M. College, a State institution, are now stirred up over a hazing episode there, which resulted seriously for Freshman McAllister, of Middleburg. The result was that he was compelled to abandon his examinations, which may prevent his taking his sophomore studies on schedule time, according to the report. He had to go home, his collar bone having been broken and he having received other serious injuries, according to the report, which only "leaked out through students," who frequently go into the city and who evidently have been "telling tales out of school."

It is stated that young McAllister is an ambitious boy, that he worked as telegraph messenger and operator for several years to earn money to pay his way in college and now may be deprived in a large measure of the rewards of his laudable course and purpose. He was in his bed asleep, according to the report, when his assailants entered his room and assaulted him.

The people of North Carolina, especially those who know anything of college life, recognize the fact that it is difficult to entirely stamp out the practice of hazing, which usually is only a college name for what would be termed burglary or felonious assault, or both, if committed anywhere else. But the average taxpayer, who is called upon to foot the bills to keep these colleges going, and the church people who listen and respond to the appeals of the college authorities for contributions to aid in the support of the denominational schools can hardly understand why a crime committed by a college student in a community can not be ferreted out and punished as successfully as the same sort of crime would be if committed in a city of 25,000 or in a college size community that has no college.

Probably crime in Wilmington and other cities and communities would be considerably more abundant if the authorities adopted the policy of "covering it up" and keeping it from the newspapers and the taxpayers who pay their salaries. But the policy of suppression of facts in connection with matters in which the public is vitally interested, and especially in institutions that draw their moral and financial support from the public, is out of harmony with the sentiment of the times. "Turn on the light" is the slogan of the age.

The people are frequently told that these institutions are their very own; then the people have a right to know what goes on in them. Yet when a burglary or felonious assault is committed in one of our colleges, unless a fatality results, some student must "squeal," usually, in order that the patrons and the public, who foot the bills, may learn that anything unusual has happened, even though all the leading newspapers have correspondents among the student body, supposed to be representing them. The college correspondents either by the influence of the faculty or by threat of ostracism are induced to suppress the news.

When the college authorities abandon their policy of endeavoring to suppress the news and concealing the facts from the public when crimes are committed in these institutions, then the public will have more confidence in their claims that they do not sanction these "school boys' pranks," but that they are faithfully trying to stamp out all forms of lawlessness and disorder. There is much to be gained and nothing to be lost by dealing frankly and openly with the public.

COAL LINE TO PORT

Charleston now has a coaling station and will soon be doing business. She also has a new railroad, the Atlantic & Western Railway, affiliated with the Seaboard Air Line, soon to begin business. Having this in mind the Charlotte Observer says:

"The visit to Charlotte several days ago by Mr. J. J. Campion, vice president and traffic manager of the Clinchfield system—the great coal carrying road that penetrates the Appalachian mountains almost as a crow flies—and the completion of the new Bonsal road from Charleston to Hamlet where connection is made with the Seaboard Air Line, has directed attention anew to this direct route over which the long Clinchfield coal trains are soon to be operated when the ballast of the new track is such as to withstand the heavy cars. The sustained effort of the government to establish a harbor of refuge and great coaling station at Cape Lookout is also recalled, Charlotte being the point of contact of the Norfolk Southern and the Clinchfield, via the Seaboard."

Then there is Southport already with railroad connection, and a deep landlocked harbor actually in sight of the ocean. Two coal roads already are connected with Wilmington and they can easily connect over the line with deep water at Southport.

CO-OPERATION ALONG NEW LINES

The abnormal and depressed conditions now prevailing in this section and throughout the country call for the practice of co-operation along lines where its importance and value have not heretofore been emphasized. It is a time that calls for co-operation between debtor and creditor and between debtor and debtor in a way not heretofore given any special consideration.

Conditions are such that an unusual number of people are unable to meet their obligations—with the merchant, the groceryman, the market man, the landlord, the druggist, the physician, the fuel man and others—because they are out of work or their wages or other income has been reduced. Upon all these creditors a hardship is thus entailed, which in turn renders them unable to lend the aid that they might in normal times to those worthy of credit and who need it more now than ever. The consequence is that while conditions call for more in the way of extended credit and leniency on the part of the average merchant, for instance, than in normal times, he is able to render less because of slow payments. Thus a debtor who can pay and fails to pay is adding to the hardship of those who are so unfortunate that they must either have credit or become subjects of charity—else they must actually suffer hunger and cold.

The situation may be materially improved, then, and in many instances suffering might be averted, by prompt payment on the part of those who can pay. During these times, those who can pay should pay more promptly to offset the burdens heaped upon the merchants and other creditors by the failure of those who cannot pay to meet their obligations, and at the same time to enable the merchant to render assistance in the way of credit and leniency towards those who are worthy but unable to pay cash for the necessities of life or even to meet their present obligations promptly.

On the other hand, it is a time that calls for leniency on the part of merchants and other creditors towards those who have been "hit hard" by the present abnormal conditions. The strict exercise of the usual rules of good business, in many cases now, would amount to downright oppression of those already suffering. The Charlotte News tells of a renter who fired a tenant and his family out of his house the other day. "The tenant was an honest man and a hard worker, but the war's effects upon business had put him on the streets, out of a job," says The News, which observes that "the chances are the man who owned the house could have carried the tenant through the hard times without feeling the loss of revenue, but he did not see it that way. And yet it is likely that this same renter sheds great gobs of brine when thinking of faraway Belgian sufferers and goes down into his jeans for a big contribution."

There never was a time when there was greater need for the exercise, on the part of us all of the spirit of cooperation and mutual helpfulness and the application of the Golden Rule. By the way, suppose every creditor and every debtor, every landlord and tenant, every buyer and seller of the necessities of life should adopt that old rule as the standard in all business transactions, in Wilmington and elsewhere, just even for a few weeks now!

FRANK'S LAST SLIM CHANCE

One more appeal to the United States Supreme court on a flimsy ground is the last chance for Leo Frank, condemned to be executed in Atlanta, January 22nd, on account of the murder of Mary Phagan. In this case, appeals to the Supreme Court of the United States have to be grounded upon any pretect for the reason that all Georgia courts have refused to give him a new trial on his strongest ground. At any rate, there never has been any sound reason why the Georgia courts should not have given Frank another chance for his life. We don't see how any jury in any community could have found him guilty on the dubious character of evidence presented at his trial. It is possible, of course, that Frank murdered Mary Phagan, but it is more than possible and strongly probable that the negro janitor who secreted her body in the basement of the pencil factory, and who confessed that he did so, is the real murderer. It was on his word alone that Frank is to be hanged and that he is to escape. Isn't that curious —everywhere but in Georgia?

Frank's denial counted for nothing against the word of the janitor, who even confessed to enough to turn the probability of guilt on himself instead of on Frank. The man who murdered the girl surely ought to forfeit his life to the State of Georgia, but surely Georgia ought to be sure it is not going to hang the wrong man. If any man is to be hanged it ought to be the right one, but unprejudiced lawyers and people everywhere have not been able to find in all the evidence any ground for hanging Frank instead of the janitor.

The janitor confesed that he carried the murdered girl to the basement, secreted the body and wrote the incriminating note fund near it. At the trial he, testified that Frank did the killing and hired him to secrete the body, but made the rather incredable explanation that after paying him for doing so the man who is to be hanged took back the money. How many reasonable men would believe such a story is even strongly probable? The janitor's story might be true but no unprejudiced jury would hang any man on such a statement unless it were strongly corroborated.

However, that Atlanta jury convicted Frank on the uncorroborated statement of the janitor. The janitor might be white, black, yellow or green, but any man would hate to be the self-incriminated janitor and have a North Carolina jury decide on the probability of guilt as between the man who confessed to a part of the tragedy and a man who denies to the bitter end that he had any part in it—not even to hiding the body.

We have no doubt that Georgia will finally take the life of Frank on the unsubstantiated statement of the self-implicated janitor. Since, however, Georgia has never been able to produce sufficient proof to convict Frank, it is hoped that if he really is the guilty man, he will exonerate Georgia and her courts by confessing his guilt. He will be hanged whether he denies his guilt or not, so he has everything to gain in eternity by dying with the everlasting truth on his lips.

The General Assembly will meet next month and again be called upon to institute several new counties. The Legislature ought to be favorably disposed towards making a new county that will be a self-sustaining county beyond a reasonable doubt, but it ought to be a long way from Missouri when 'tis asked to whack up a pauper county into two impoverished county institutions that will have to depend upon State benevolence. Every county which does not sustain itself and contribute a share to keeping up the State is a burden on the counties which furnish the State revenues for itself and some to dole out to the pauper variety. Counties which are taxed to keep up other counties ought to kick like a Texas steer against having more pauper counties leaned up against them on account of their weak legs. Shucks! By rights, there is no such a thing as a pauper county in the whole State of North Carolina. They only have pauperizing administrations. Whenever any county gets in that kind of a fix, its people ought to apply for a receiver or get the Legislature to send it a county manager who knows his business.

Editor Harker, of the Maxton Scottish Chief, refuses to recognize the war in Europe as sufficient to interfere with his custom of getting out a dandy Christmas edition. Refusing to yield anything to psychology, Brother Harker just went a head and got out the finest holiday paper in the history of the Chief. It was a twenty page affair with a Santa Claus cover page printed in colors and beautifully illustrated to suit the Yuletide season. Illustrations and reading matter were plentiful, and the live merchants of Maxton took advantage of it to advertise on an increased scale. It speaks as well for Maxton as it does for her enterprising and progressive newspaper.

If North Carolina has elected the right sort of a Legislature, the State, after January, will have a chance to be a different kind of Good Old North State.

THE EMDEN

(Marshal South, in Los Angles Times)

The page is closed. No more across the
waste of boundless waters shall her
gray hull rise.
No longer shall her restless, pulsing
screw furrow the sea lanes 'neath
the tropic skies.
No longer shall her smoke cloud drift
and trail, hazy and lone across the
water dun,
Melting mysterious from dawn to dark.
The page is closed; her last hot
race is run.
Her race is run. No more her three
stacks rise in distance menace from
the lone sea rim,
The haunting terror of the open sea, an
Ocean Ishmael, watchful, swift and
grim.
No more with reckless daring will she
steam beneath the battery guns to
seek her foe;
No more the night shall hide her or
the dawn reveal her clear against
the sunrise glow.
Her fight is done. She faced o'erwhelming odds—four thousands tons and
and four-inch guns alone,
Pitted against the warships of four
powers—her speed the only friend
to call her own.
She fought the losing fight and fought
it well; by all the rules of war she
played the game.
No stain nor blot, nor coward action
clings to dim the clean-cut record
of her name.
Her record ends. Upon the lonely isle,
where gloom the palms against the
setting sun—
Upon the Keeling Cocos, gaunt she lies;
her guns are still; her long lone
fight is done.
The sea birds wheel and skirl above
her hull, the waves sob through her
plates with every tide;
Her buckled decks are scorched and
scarred by fire; the shell holes
gape along her riven side,
The Emden! Be ye Teuton, Briton, Gaul
—Rejoice ye in her fall or mourn
her loss—
Known that the men who manned her
guns were men; like men until the
end they held her course.
No coward corsair this' A gallant foe.
A dauntless fighter. Though her
flag be furled,
The Emden, captain, officers and crew,
stand worthy of the laurels of the
word.

TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION.

To the Editor of The Star:

A woman in a borough not a thousand miles removed from your city, Mr. Editor, is perplexed when she reads "The Revolution was fought on the grounds of 'No taxation without representation'." What can that statement mean? she ponders. Can Uncle Sam put his seal of approval on empty words?

For further elucidation of the problem she turns to statistics compiled by our eminent Chief Justice Walter Clark and learns that eleven states give "full suffrage," "the wild and wooly West" being first to recognize her as verily man's helpmeet. Twenty-three states award "school suffrage." Montana, New York, Louisiana, "tax-paying suffrage." Iowa, Kansas, New York, "bond suffrage." Delaware, "school suffrage" to tax-paying women. Minnesota to library trustees. Michigan, to "tax-payers on questions of local taxation and granting of franchises."

The "wonder grows". Why does Louisiana alone in her beloved Southland, where chivalry has always been in flower, give her any recognition? Why does "no taxation without representation" stand for naught in her own North State? In her case she knows she has never had anything pertaining to representation; knows also that no hazy Indian summer ever obscured view of the sheriff as he descended in full panoply of power on her belongings.

When some bond issue, road tax or what not, is to be levied, the phrase seems specially void. Financial circumstances, good or bad, appeal not. The man voting strictly "under the grandfather clause," owning maybe half an acre of ground, told by the oily-tongued lawmaker, where to place his scrap of paper, helps fashion the law. The perhaps impudent negro, who has laboriously spelled out the Constitution, gives another boost to it, while the woman holding perhaps more acres than fifty, or a hundred such, can say naught.

If she needs redress against some man who quietly appropriates her worldly goods, it is possible she may have difficulty in proving her views of ownership. Why? The man can help place, say a would-be politician, higher up the ladder. It may be she asks for work under a county officer. He may approve her capabilities for such work, but the place must go to the woman who has male relatives to vote his continuance in office.

Will some clear-headed son of Adam explain to woman the meaning of those words: "No taxation without representation."

ANTIQUE.

Elizabethtown, N. C., Dec. 17, 1914.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The broadsides which the Republican newspapers are aiming at the Hon. Josephus Daniels are doing much to convince the American public that he is making a fine Secretary of the Navy.—New Orleans States.

The Wilmington Star says: "The Servians and Albanians are now joining the Belgians in asking for bread. This is only the beginning. Starvation may help to end the war in Europe." We might have known the Albanians were hard up when they offered George Fred Williams that throne for $25,000.—Jacksonville Times Union.

The need for settlers in North Carolina is admitted and an effort is to be made to secure an appropriation from the Legislature for advertising purposes and to meet other expenses necessary to the immigration campaign. The trouble here, as in many other cases, is the lack of a definite plan. It is easy enough to secure immigrants and of the class desired, if they are gone after in a direct way. This is manifested in the success of the colonization schemes in Pender County. Another instance is in the colonization of Chadbourn and the surrounding country through the individual efforts of Mr. J. A. Brown. The Wilmington Star gives some details of the transformation of the country around Chadbourn, brought about by the colonization plan adopted some years ago by Mr. Brown. Chadbourn was then a saw mill. Now it has a population of 1,500, the center of from 3,000 to 4,000 thrifty farmers and is the capital of the Sunny South Colony. Brown had a plan to secure settlers and got them. In like manner any promising rural community in North Carolina can secure the people needed for its development. It would be a good idea. For the Legislature to call on Senator Brown for information when it comes to talking about securing settlers.—Charlotte Observer.

Gore, Ga.—P. A. Morgan had occasion recently to use a liver medicine and says of Foley Cathartic Tablets: "They thoroughly cleansed my system and I felt like a new man—light and free. They are the best medicine I have ever taken for constipation. They keep the stomach sweet, liver active, bowels regular." Foley Cathartic Tablets are stimulating in action, and neither gripe nor sicken. They are wholesome and thoroughly cleansing, and keep the liver active. Stout people like them.

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NO NEED FOR PAST TENSE

Christ's Coming Has for Us All Significance of a Present Event, Says Dr. W. H. Milton.

An earnest appeal to his hearers to remember, during the festivities and observance of the Christmas time, the deeper significance of the season, was the burden of the message contained in a timely and forceful sermon by Rev. Dr. William H. Milton at St. James' church yesterday morning.

Dr. Milton took as his text John 1:11-12: "He came unto His own, and they that were His own received him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He the right to become children of God, even to them that believe on his name."

In developing his theme Dr. Milton urged that we remember during the Christmas season these two words: "He comes." For, he said, there is no need for us to use the past tense in speaking of Christ's coming, because to Christians it has all the reality of a present event.

Dr. Milton pointed out how Christ came unto his own, the Jewish people, the chosen people of God, and himself a child of Jewish parentage, and was not received by them as the Messiah. His coming to us, today, he continued, may lack the bond of national kinship, and we are with no visible evidence of his presence, but He is with us in all the reality of teachings received in Christian homes, and Christian training absorbed with the very milk from the mother's breast—in every evidence of the good His teachings have accomplished in the world. He comes still to His own and claims His own again.

And, as at His first coming, when His own received Him not, when the priesthood united against Him, when the tyranny of kings sought to slay Him, when the society of His day cast Him out, when the courts of His day condemned Him to death and when even the people clamored for His execution, so it is still true today—to a lesser extent, however—He comes unto His own and His own receive Him not.

The obscurity of His coming, Dr. Milton declared, perhaps was largely responsible for the rejection of Christ by His own people. They looked for his arrival of a Messiah in majesty and glory and pomp and power, and to there was the Babe in the manger, and it was given to only a few chosen ones to witness the Star in the East and to hear the chorus of the angels over the fields of Bethlehem. Had it been otherwise, and had His coming been attended by ostentation and pomp and glory, who doubts that He would have been accepted, and that, outwardly, at least, His people would have flocked to His standards.

But, Dr. Milton continued, the ideals of Christianity and the teachings of Christ found their greatest strength and appeal in the lowliness and humility of the Saviour and today the supreme test is faith in the Cross, rather than faith in the Crown.

And the doom of the nations of the past who received Him not, long since perished, will be the doom of the nations of today if they do not receive Him. Civilization in any nation has advanced only in proportion to that nations acceptance of Christianity.

Dr. Milton closed with an eloquent plea that now, amid wars and rumors of war, and fear for what may happen that we remember that Christ's coming is as real as ever, and that we know Him when He comes.

ONLY FOUR DAYS TILL XMAS

Today Will Mark Beginning of Real Rush Period in Pre-Holiday Activities.

With Christmas only four days removed, today marks the beginning of the real rush period of pre-holiday activities, and the downtown section bids fair to be an exceedingly busy place until a late hour Thursday night. Many thoughtful ones, the merchants say, have already completed their Christand practically all of them were open only in their safe and timely delivery, but still a host of others have yet to do part or all of their holiday buying.

Many of the stores have been keeping open in the evenings for some time, and practically allof them were open until a late hour Saturday night to accommodate the swarm of shoppers on the streets. Beginning tonight, and until Christmas day, all of the stores dealing in seasonable goods will be open in the evenings.

Many of the merchants are of the opinion that the Christmas business picked up wonderfully during the past week, in fact, they say, much more than they had anticipated in view of the much-bewailed "hard times," and they say that if business continues to increase in proportion for the remaining days before Christmas, as it naturally is expected to do, they will have no cause for complaint.

More out-of-town shoppers were to be seen in the city Saturday than for some time, and many of them proved liberal purchasers.

But the nearness of the glad season is attested in more ways than by the activity in Christmas shopping, for already many of the young people away at school are arriving home for the holidays, and are to be seen exchanging greetings with their friends on the streets every day now.

Then, too, many who make this city their adopted home, are leaving, or preparing to leave to spend the Yuletide at their real home, and the passenger station is a busy place during the hours of the arrivals and departure of trains.

MARRIED HERE SATURDAY

Miss Mary Browning Bride of Mr. R. A. Elmore

Mr. Rossie A. Elmore and Miss Mary M. Browning, daughter of Mr. David J. Browning, were married Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the parsonage of Bladen street Methodist church, Rev. T. G. Vickers, the pastor, performing the ceremony, which was attended only by a few intimate friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmore left on an evening train for a trip to Fayetteville, and other points in the State, on their return will make this city their home. Both are popular among a wide circle of friends, who will extend to them best wished and congratulations.

For information regarding our 1915 Christmas Savings Club, Phone 110. American National Bank.—Advertisement. tf

GYM ATTENDANCE INCREASES

Review of Athletic Activities at Y. M. C. A. for Past Week Shows Growing Interest

The total attendance at the Y. M. C. A. gym is steadily increasing. The total number of men and boys using the physical privelges during the last week is 1,188. That number includes all those attending the regular classes for men and boys, those taking part in the basketball games, indoor games, volley ball games and the athletic events, also those coming in for individual work and baths. This is the largest number for one week in this Associations in this building, and more men and boys are being interested every day.

Twelve regular scheduled gymn classes were held for the boys with a total attendance of 325 and nine classes for men with a total attendance of 182, an increase of 30 over last week. Ninety boys took part in the Athletics which included relay races, jumps and double broad jump. One hundred and fourteen boys and men participated in the basketball during the last week, and 271 men came in for individual work or to take a plunge.

The Junior Prep League played its games off last Tuesday afternoon with the following results: Harvard won the first game of basketball from Carlisle by the score of 3 to 1 and also won the double broad jump by 3 1-2 feet, but Carlisle came in strong in the relay and took that event, winning by about 15 yards. The second basketball game between Navy and Yale went to Navy by a shut out score of 9 to 0, and on the track the Navy succeeeded in making a clean sweep. They won the relay by one yard and the double broad jump by 1 1-2 feet.

Junior Prep Classified Athletic League standing.

	Points
Harvard	870
Carlilse	731
Navy	718.8
Yale	606.6

The Junior League played off their games last Thursday afternon with the following results: The first basketball game between Davidson and Carolina went to the former by the score of 2 to 1. It was a very hard fought game and good guarding marked the game all the time, thus keeping the score so low. On the track however the Carolina boys got busy and took both of the events winning the relay by over a lap and the broad jump by one-foot.

The second basketball game was between Wake Forest and A. & M. and although a little lopsided score resulted, yet a good game was played, Wake Forest winning by a 10 to 3 score. When the two teams went up stairs for the track events Wake Forest still held to the winning streak and copped the relay by two yards and the jump by five feet, thus winning all three events. The standing of the league

Wake Forest	520.11 points
Davidson	483.53 points
North Carolina	404.67 points
Ag. and Mechanical	221.24 points

Results of the Wednesday night Employed Boys' Classified Athletic League. In the first basket ball game the Blue Birds put it over the Sparrows by the score of 12 to 6, but lost the jump by four feet, also the relay by four posts.

The second game was a walkover for the Nightingales, as the score will show —21 to 4. They also found the jump and relay very easy, as they won the former by two and one-half feet, and the latter by three-fourths lap.

Nightingales	855.08
Sparrows	476.08
Eagles	462.03
Blue Birds	396.56

Commercial Basketball League standing:

	W.	Lost.	P.C.
Baxters	3	0	1.000
Jacobis	2	1	.666
Nat. Woolen Mills	1	2	.333
Elvington & Mintz's	0	3	.000

MR. ROWELL'S ESCAPE

Venerable Citizen of Phoenix Had Narrow Escape From Death.

Mr. J. C. Rowell, of Phoenix, about five miles from Wilmington on the Seaboard Air Line, writes The State of a very narrow escape from death which he experienced near his home during the extremely cold weather of the past week. Mr. Rowell is nearly 80 years of age and went across the Cape Fear River at Roan's landing near his home, on what is known as Roan's Island. He went down the river to feed some hogs and was about to cross a ditch near the river when he fell into four feet of water head foremost. He had on an overcoat and had a narrow escape in getting out of the ditch. He then had to walk back to his boat in his wet clothing for nearly two miles. It was all he could do to make the boat, but just as he did and loosed it, pushing off into the current, he was so exhausted from his previous experience that he fell out again into the water headforemost. It appeared to be certain drowning for him, but with almost superhuman effort he managed to again right his boat, secure his car and make it again to his house some distance away.

It was an experience that would have taxed the strength and endurance of a far younger man, but Mr. Rowell demonstrated that he was equal to the occasion with physique and courage and he finally reached home, arriving there just in the nick of time. It was an experience that will long be remembered by Mr. Rowell.

OVER $1,500 RAISED

Congregation of First Baptist Church Makes Offering.

A thank offering of more than $1,500 was raised by the congregation of the First Baptist church at the morning service yesterday, when envelopes given several weeks ago for the purpose were turned in.

The offering followed the suggestion of the pastor that in view of the many sarcifices that the people of other lands are called upon to make just at this time, it would be fitting for the members to make a small sacrifice themselves in the way of a thank offering to the church, and the response was more than generous, as the amount turned in yesterday indicates.

The money will be distributed through the various channels of the church's work.

Pretty Holiday Window.

The Brooklyn Candy Store at Fourth and Brunswick streets has a most attractive holiday window display, and one that has attracted much attention from all who have seen it. The display shows a schooner loaded with a tempting array of fruits of all kinds, and at night the scene is most attractively illuminated with colored lights. It shows up to great advantage.

XMAS CARRIERS ARE BUSY

Postoffice and Southern Express Are Handling Holiday Rush Business Very Promptly.

If there has been any diminution of the Christmas activities on account of the financial depression due to the war in Europe, the postoffice and Southern Express people are not prepared to appreciate it, judging from exhibits that a newspaper man yesterday witnessed at the two branches of this service in Wilmington.

On Sunday, of course, there are no deliveries and a newspaper man casually "dropped in" to see what a one day's accumulation at the respective offices looked like. The Southern Express offices, especially the "wet goods" department, looked like a world of bounty spelled with the big "B." Never before, perhaps, has there been a heavier movement of all kinds of Christmas goods than this year. But they are taking care of it splendidly and Mr. J. W. Smith, the agent, and his force, while a trifle overworked, of course, are taking it all in good part and the service is going forward with litle, if any, delay.

At the postoffice, of course, the greatest congestion is in the parcels post department. This branch of Uncle Sam's service is appealing more than ever to the people and they have learned by this Christmas to take full advantage of it. Postmaster Green and Assistant Postmaster Elliott were both on duty yesterday in spite of the fact that the postoffices are supposed to be observing short hours on Sunday. The quarters at the postoffice have always been considered inadequate to the volume of business done and when the parcels post was inaugurated there were space economizers —specialists in that line—who said that it simply couldn't be handled in the present building. But they are doing it this Christmas apparently and the service has not yet been impaired.

At the postoffice a clever device has been installed in the way of a chute from the main floor of the work room into which all parcels post packages, incoming, are dropped and a department has been fitted up in the basement from which this large volume of traffic will be handled in the future. From this department in the basement, there is a door to the areaway in the rear of the building and out of this door to the auto delivery service now being used the packages are sent and thence to their destinations in the city. Yesterday afternoon a one day's accumulation of parcel post packages, looked like bargain day in a dry goods store. But Postmaster Green, Mr. Elliott and the corps of faithful and energetic employes of the office have gone to the task with a will and there is no reason to believe that they will not "get by" with it and in good shape.

MR. J. N. SWEENEY TAKES FOURTH PRIZE FOR DRUM

Local Man Who Landed 52-Pound Fish One of Winners in Fishing Contest.

Mr. J. Norcum Sweeney, of this city, is the winner of the fourth prize in the channel bass class in the 1914 fishing contest conducted by Field & Stream, a well known sportsmen's publication. Mr. Sweeney's fish weighed 52 pounds, measured 50 1-2 inches in length, 29 inches in girth and was caught August 28 at Mason's Inlet.

First prize in the channel bass class this year was baptured by John H. Brown, of Philadelphia, who landed a 55-pound fish, measuring 53 inches in length and 28 1-4 inches in girth, at Allenhurst, N. J., August 20. The second prize fish, landed at Ocean City, N. J., weighed 54 pounds, five ounches, and the third prize bass, captured at Avalon, N. J., weighed only eight ounces more than Mr. Sweeney's.

The fourth prize fish this year is heavier than the first prize fish of any other year since the contest has been running. In 1913 the fish capturing first prize weighed only 49 pounds, and at that time it was considered a remarkably heavy fish for a channel bass.

Old fishermen in this section, however, say that the channel bass attain a weight of 75 pounds or more, and that frequently fish weighing this much have been landed in seines.

However, there is little doubt that Mr. Sweeney holds the record for this immediate coast for the heaviest channel bass, or drum, ever landed on a rod and reel.

Mr. Sweeney exhibited his fish at his store on Market street the day following its capture and many citizens had an opportunity of seeing the monster.

NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting January 12 and 13, 1915, at Goldsboro.

Col. John VanB. Metts and other officers of the North Carolina National Guard, in this city will doubtless attend the eighth annual meeting of the National Guard Association of North Carolina, which meets Tuesday and Wednesday, January 12 and 13, 1915, at the Hotel Kennon in Goldsboro, an official call for which was issued several days ago by Capt. F. L. Black, of Charlotte, president, and Capt. R. H. Morrison, of Mooresville, secretary and treasurer.

Members in attendance are required to wear uniform, either blue dress or olive drab. It will be an important meeting and all members are requested to attend. To officers who are not members a most cordial invitation is extended to attend and become an active member. There is no initiation fee and the annual dues are only $2. The adjutant general is quoted as saying he hopes at least one officer from each company will attend and that the expense of such representation is a proper charge against the company fund. The meeting at Goldsboro will be favored with addresses by prominent army and militia officers.

SOUTH WILMINGTON SCHOOL

Honor Roll for Several Grades During Month of December

The honor roll for the South Wilmington school, Miss Ollie Rembert, teacher, is announced as follows:

Seventh Grade—First honor, Henry Martindale.

Sixth Grade—Second honor, Ella Grant.

Fifth Grade—First honor, Wilbur Martindale.

Fourth Grade—First honor, Will Harllee Bordeaux; second honor, Mary Sneeden.

Second Grade—First honor, Frank Russ.

First Grade—First honor, James Davis Bordeaux, Flora Grant.

In order to be on the first honor roll the pupil must receive 95 on average and deportment. The second honor only requires an average of 90 on lessons and 95 on deportment.

REV. O. L. STRINGFIELD SPEAKS

Prohibition Worker Says Shipment of Whiskey Into State Will Be Stopped Soon.

"My purpose in coming to Wilmington," said Rev. O. L. Stringfield, assistant secretary of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, in the course of a talk to men at the mass meeting at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon, "is to tell you that we are going to close up the bar room here. We are going to pass a law at Raleigh prohibiting the shipment of liquor into this city or this State."

In addition to his talk at the Y. M. C. A., Rev. Mr. Stringfield was heard at the First Baptist church yesterday morning and at Calvary Baptist church last evening. His remarks were received with much interest at each place.

While expressing doubt that a pint of real whiskey had been shipped into Wilmington in five years, Mr. Stringfield said that 3,000,000 gallons of so-called whiskey are shipped into North Carolina every year. Of this amount the white people order 1,000,000 gallons and the negroes 2,000,000 gallons. Part of this latter quantity the negroes drink themselves, but a still larger part they sell to the white people They pay no more than $1.50 a gallon for it, he declared, and sell it to the white people at prices of 50, 60, 75 cents and $1.00 a pint, depending on the condition of the "patient," as he termed it.

The speaker detailed a number of tragedies that, to his own positive knowledge, were directly traced to the influences of whiskey, and expressed it as his opinion that the whiskey bottle was the most dangerous enemy to the safety and happiness of the home, God's first and most sacred institution.

He told of overhearing a conversation between several liquor men while on a visit to Kansas City, wherein they were wondering what would become of their business ,and planned, in order to develop a larger trade, to distribute free lunch tickets to the schools boys of that city and to redeem these tickets, instead of with free lunches, with small glasses of a mild and palatable whiskey, in order to create a desire for alcoholic stimulants in the growing population of the city. Such methods as these are characteristic of the whiskey traffic, he said.

Discussing the Anti-Saloon League, the speaker said that the organization was not a detective agency, a sheriff or a prosecuting attorney—that it did not attempt to fight the curse of whiskey by punishing those who used or sold it, but rather endeavored to accomplish its mission by removing the whiskey itself. The league, he said, was composed of the very best members of the churches of the land, and any man who could subscribe to truth, righteousness and purity was eligible to membership.

He remarked that it seemed passing strange that the government could spend vast sums of many protecting its Indian charges and its soldiers from the effects of whiskey, and even in protecting its cattle from the bite of ticks, and yet could go out and shoot a man down, not because he distilled liquor for sale to the cittizens, but because he might refuse to pay a license giving him the privilege to distill the stuff.

In passing Rev. Mr. Stringfield took occasion to pay high tribute to President Wilson, Secretary of State Bryan and Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, declaring that their administration had marked a new era in politics.

THEATRICAL

Few plays of recent years have been so enthusiastically praised by the exacting dramatic critics of New York and Chicago as Bayard Veiller's absorbing new human interest drama of modern metropolitan life, "Within the Law" which is to offer here on December 25, (Christmas) at the Academy of Music, matinee and night.

"This play," says Acton Davies in the New York Evening Sun, "is set forward on the programme as a melodrama, and the man who writes the advertisements calls it 'a drama of the minute.' It is both. The killing that is done in the course of the narrative is accomplished with a revolver that shoots smokeless powder and is rigged with a Maxim silencer. When the killer finally has the crime fastened upon him, he says to the police inspector, with the conscious pride of one who has done a good job with a high sense of artistics values: 'I guess that's the first time a guy was ever croaked with one of them,' and, as the inspector nods, the slayer continues: 'Some class, er?' and strolls off to take his medicine.

"Within the Law" has a story back of the shooting, in which a young girl goes to prison while not guilty, comes out and evolves a scheme for making society 'give up' without actually breaking the written statutes. She organizes a group of experts, and what they do to the police, who are powerless to convict them makes the play."

Seats will go on sale Wednesday morning at Woodall & Sheppard's, corner Front and Princess streets.

The New Grand.

Christmas week at the New Grand is going to be something extra swell. Each day a giant sized bill will be offered, while Christmas day is going to bring forth the biggest holiday offering ever made in the way of movies in Wilmington, with the film bill headed by a spanking new "Buster Brown" photoplay. This week the New Grand will bring to a close the handsome talking doll and $10 gold prize contest, these Christmas presents being presented at 4 o'clock Thursday, Christmas eve.

Today are five of the very latest and greatest films led by the Vitgraph's greatest dramatic and the sweetest story ever screened. It is called "Sisters" and is simple immense for artistic merit. The case is headed by Margaret Gibson and Myrtle Gonzales, supported by those two eminent stars, William Duncan and Alfred D. Vosburgh. Edison also stars today with a masterly dramatic, "The Everlasting Triangle," being the story of the West when gambling was in full blast. "Beating the Burglar" is a rip-roarer, with such folks as Eva Bell, George Welch and C. W. Ritchie in the cast. Next will come Essanay's "Sophie, the Man of Her Choice," with Burt Bucker and Sadie Midgley in the stellar roles. And next "Magazine Cooking." The price is always tiny 5 cents.

Christmas Week at Bijou

Christmas week starts off with a rush at Wilmington's cosy corner promptly at one o'clock this afternoon, and the Bijou management have thoughtfully provided absolutely the biggest week of motion pictures that have ever been shown in Wilmington. Of course, it is, there's no doubt about that, for does not "The Master Key" the greatest photoplay ever filmed, start next Wednesday? This alone would place the Bijou away at the top.

Today's bill, consisting of five big reels, is headed by that notable dramatic production, "The Foundlings of Father Time", a Bison two-reeler that has created a big sensation in the larger cities where it has already been shown. It features that peerless dramatic star, Murdock MacQuarrie, and gives him ample opportunity for some of his most wonderful work.

"The Rescue" a Mutual drama, in which forgiveness is thrillingly won, comes next on the bill, and features Mildred Heller, Harry Benham, Billy Noel and Mayre Hall in the leading roles. It's a strong dramatic and romantic production that will appeal to everyone.

An exceptional comedy offering is "Sissy Dobbins, Oil Magnate", a Dowers production in a full reel, featuring Eda Maison, said to be the most beautiful leading lady before the screen, with Joe King, Lloyd Ingraham and June Clark in the leading roles. It's a comedy that is full of strong dramatic incidents of a very ludicrous nature, and will be a rouser.

A Big Keystone feature, is "Zip the Dodger", and brings today's bill up to the Bijou standard of five reels, for the first day of Christmas week.

MARINE ENGINEERS ELECT

Officers for Ensuing Year Named at Meeting Saturday Night.

At a very well attended meeting of Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association, No 7, held Saturday night, officers were elected for 1915 as follows:

President—James W. Copeland.

Vice President—S. C. Dunn.

Second Vice President—John W. Frederick.

Financial Secretary and Treasurer—J. J. Bell.

Recording and Corresponding Secretary—W. A. Furlong.

The association is in a flourishing condition and the members are looking forward to a good year.

Mr. W .A. Furlong was elected a delegate to the convention of the National Association ,to be held in Washington, D. C., January 18, 1915, with Mr. John W. Frederick as alternate.

Mr. E. P. Bailey, president of the Wilmington Iron Works, was elected an honorary member of the association. The members voted to appropriate $5 to The Dispatch Santa Claus fund.

At the installation of officers, which will take place January 2, 1915, the members of the association will enjoy a smoker.

Nine Chickens Stolen

Mr. Geo. H. Hustaff is short nine fine Rhode Island Red chickens, which were stolen out of a flock of 27 at his stables at 11th and Wood streets sometime Saturday night. Mr. Hutaff says that if the person taking the chickens was really in want and needed them, he would have been glad to contribute them had he been asked to do so, but that he hates to have them stolen. Furthermore, he says, that the thief's judgment is better than his morals, for out of the whole flock of 27, the nine best fowls were selected. He wants to know why the theif doesn't come back for the rest of the flock.

New Gold and New Silver Coins

For the convenience of the public we have provided a large supply of New Gold and New Silver Coins of all denominations, and if you contemplate giving a New Coin as a Christmas Gift to your Employee, Friend or Relative, we will be pleased to have you make use of our service.

OLD AND STRONG

THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK

COR. FRONT AND PRINCESS STS. THE WHITE BUILDING.

THE CHRISTMAS QUESTION?

"WHAT SHALL I GIVE?"

No more practical nor acceptable gift can be selected than a W. S. & T. Co., Pass Book with a nest egg deposit of a dollar or more, made out in name desired.

As has been our custom for the past fifteen years we have laid in an abundant supply of new Gold, Silver and Currency for our friends' Xmas requirements.

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company

110 PRINCESS STREET

GOODMAN'S

The House of Fashion and Quality

Ladies' Garments

THE BETTER GRADES ONLY

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FOUR MORE DAYS OF HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Christmas Sales at Their Height To day at the Popular Garment Store.

No other store in this city can approach this House of Fashion for Style, Quality, Individuality and Modern Prices.

No other store in this city can show you the enormous stock of Suits, Dresses, Waists, as well as other Ladies' Apparel, that this place is at the present time showing.

No other store in this city can help you solve the problem of giving useful gifts, especially this season, where economy prevails with everyone, as this store affords.

You may term this place the Christmas Store of Useful Gifts. Wonderful wearing apparel at much below their former prices, thereby making useful holiday gifts at a very nominal cost to the buyer.

GREAT SHOWING OF

Coat Suits, Cloaks, Dresses, Petticoats, Kimonas, Waists, Raincoats.

All Waists, Petticoats, Kimonas, attractively packed in Holiday Boxes, making very useful gifts, and at the same time the prices will prove very economical to you.

Various Forms Of Headache

"It is necessary in order to treat headaches properly to understand the causes which produce the affection" says Dr. J. W. Ray of Blockton, Ala. Continuing he says: "Physicians cannot even begin the treatment of a disease without knowing what causes give rise to it, and we must remember that headache is to be treated according to the same rule. We must not only be particular to give a remedy intended to counteract the cause which produces the headaches, but we must also give a remedy to relieve the pain until the cause of trouble has been removed. To answer this purpose Anti-kamnia Tablets will be found a most convenient and satisfactory remedy. One tablet every one to three hours gives comfort and rest in the most severe cases of headache, neuralgia and particularly the headaches of women."

When we have a patient subject to regular attacks of sick headache, we should caution him to keep his bowels regular, for which nothing is better than "Actoids," and when he feels the least sign of an oncoming attack, he should take two A-K Tablets. Such patients should always be instructed to carry a few Anti-kamnia Tablets, so as to have them ready for instant use. These tablets are prompt in action, and can be depended on to produce relief in a very few minutes. Ask for A-K Tablets.

Anti-kamnia Tablets can be obtained at all druggists.

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Miss Margaret Hill, of Charlotte, N. C., is visiting Mrs. Gabe Holmes, on Third street.

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Mr. William E. Lawson, city editor of the Evening Dispatch, and Mrs. Lawson, returned yesterday on the Cherokee from New York, where they spent a week or more.

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Saturday's Charlotte Observer: Mrs. Louis Brown McKoy will leave this morning for Morganton to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Geo. Phifr Erwin. Mr. McKoy will join her for Christmas."

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Yesterday's Charlotte Observer: Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Alexander have leased one of the Blandwood Apartments and will begin housekeeping the first of January. At present Mr. Alexander and bride are guests of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Alexander, at their home on Clement avenue, Elizabeth Heights.

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Many friends in Wilmington of Rev. J. N. Cole, superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh, who is in a Charlotte sanitarium for treatment, will be glad to know that latest reports from him are that he is improving. This will be welcome news to hundreds of friends and acquaintances throughout the State.

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Dr. and Mrs. Fordyce Coburn, of Lowell, Mass., arrived in the city yesterday on the steamer from New York and are stopping at The Orton until they go down to the Anderson Place, on the Sound, where they will make their home during the winter. They will be pleasantly welcomed by a number of friends in Wilmington and among the winter colony on Masonboro.

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Yesterday's Charlotte Observer: The Misses Bessie and Florence Burkheimer arrived home yesterday afternoon from Washington, N. C., where they recently gave their play, "The Girl Who Dared." The Misses Burkheimer will spend the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Burkheimer, and leave the first of the year for Durham, to continue their work.

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Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gwathmey, accompanied by the latter's nurse, Miss Lange, have arrived in the city from New York. Mrs. Gwathmey stood the trip South very well and has improved since her arrival in this, her girlhood home. Mr. and Mrs. Gwathmey will spend the Winter in Fayetteville, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Pemberton.—Mr. J. W. Murchison, who spent the last week-end with his sisters, Mesdames Gwathmey, McDiarmid and Pemberton, at the home of the latter, left Monday for Wilmington, Mr. Murchison's home.

MONTHLY MEETING OF DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY

Cape Fear Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, held its regular monthly meeting at the W. L. I. armory Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Jas. G. Kenan, the newly elected president, was inducted into office and gave a very inspiring talk to the Chapter concerning its work and aims.

The wreath committee for January consists of Mrs. Ancrum Lord, Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. J. D. Baugh and Miss Arra Perry.

Mrs. T. E. Sprunt, Mrs. Gabriel Holmes and Mrs. John James were appointed a committee to confer with the committee appointed by Cape Fear Camp, United Confederate Veterans, concerning the arrangements for the celebration of General Lee's birthday, January 19th. The two committees will meet December 28th. The various committees appointed in connection with the annual entertainment of the veterans, will be announced next week.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. T. E. Sprunt, in behalf of the Chapter, and as a slight token of its appreciation and esteem, presented to Mrs. R. C. Cantwell, the retiring president, a bunch of lovely red and white carnations.

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PROMINENT YOUNG PEOPLE ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Rockingham, N. C., December 20.—Miss Jessie Steele entertained at a beautiful luncheon at her home Friday at which she announced the engagement of Miss Emma Cole and Mr. Clyde Council, the latter of Lake Waccamaw, to take place January 19. The luncheon was given in honor of Miss Helen Harris of Henderson. The bride-elect was supposed to be out of the city. The table was lovely with decorations appropriate to the Chirstmas season and in the center was a tree which was artistically decorated. When the last course of the elegant luncheon was being served Santa Claus entered with a souvenir package for each guest. When the packages were opened a card with the announcement was discovered. The guests present were Misses Emma Cole, Fannie Dockery, Lena Everett, Cora Stansill, Annie Smith, Nancy Pegues, Bess Watson, May Covington, Ernestine Nuttall, Helen Harris, of Henderson; Elizabeth Cole, Mrs. Robert Steele, Mrs. H. C. Ranke and Mrs. William Cole.

The bride-elect is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Cole, and is one of Rockingham's prettiest and most popular young women. She was educated at the College for Women at Columbia, S. C.

The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Council, of Lake Waccamaw. He was graduated from the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh, and is a young man of exceptional business ability. He holds the position of secretary and treasurer of the Council Tool Company at Lake Waccamaw.

WELL KNOWN LAWYER OF GREENSBORO DEAD

David P. Stern Succumbs to Stomach Trouble.

After Attending Court Duties on Saturday, Apparently in Good Health, Taken Sick Last Night Married Wilmington Lady.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 20.—David P. Stern, a well-known attorney of this city, died early this morning at his home on Fisher avenue, following a sudden attack of stomach trouble. He was able to be in court yesterday, but became ill last night. After midnight he was thought to be resting comfortably, but evidently an abscess of the stomach had caused the bursting of a blood vessel, which produced death.

He was found by his wife this morning to be in a dying condition, and passed away before a physician could reach his home. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Stern was born in Scotland Neck Sept. 7, 1882, and was a son of the late Joseph Stern. He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Laura Weill, of Wilmington, and one child, just ayear old. He had practiced law in Greensboro ten years and had gained quite a reputation as an advocate and orator. He was a loyal alumnus of the University of North Carolina, and was also an alumnus of Columbia University. Here he had made numerous friends, who are grieved at his sudden death.

Many Wilmington friends were distressed to learn yesterday of the death of David Stern Esq., a prominent lawyer of Greensboro, N. C., who died rather unexpectedly yesterday morning at 8 o'clock at his home. News came in a telegram to Mrs. Ella Weill, mother of Mrs. Stern, who is pleasantly remembered here as formerly Miss Laura Weill. Upon receipt of the telegram, Mrs. Weill and daughter, Miss Helena Weill, left last evening to be with the bereaved young widow in her sorrow.

Mr. Stern was about 33 years of age and was well known in Wilmington where he had visited often. Two years ago it was the pleasure of Wilmington people to hear him upon the occasion of the Elks' memorial service in perhaps one of the finest addresses ever delivered here upon a similar occasion. Mr. Stern was prominent in the management of the North Carolina campaign of President Woodrow Wilson and enjoyed a large law practice in Greensboro where he had lived for a number of years, his original home being at Scotland Neck, N. C. In his death the State will mourn one of its most useful young men and the bereaved ones will have the sympathy of a host of friends here and throughout North Carolina.

The funeral of Mr. Stern will likely be conducted in Greensboro this afternoon.

Young People Married.

Mr. Charles H. Thompson, Jr., and Miss Maggie U. Smith were married yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. W. Sugg's, the bride's aunt, at No 121 1-2 South Front street, Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, pastor of the First Baptist church, performing the ceremony in the presence of quite a number of friends and relatives. Both young people have many friends in the city who will extend best wishes and congratulations. They will make their home here.

KINSTON NEWS AND NOTES

Pension Checks Received —Doctor Sick—New Union Station Assured

(Special Star Correspondence)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 20.—H. P. Claytor, of Goldsboro, a former Kinstonian, yesterday drew his Confederate pension check at the Courthouse here, and was informed that a check had been frwarded to his brother, S. B. Claytor, the Lenoir county man now residing in another State woh fired the first shot at Bethel, the opening engagement of tht war between the States. Private S. B. Claytor, excited by the approaching battle and, his comrades afterward said, very zealous, fired at the Federals as they neared before the order was given. He was threatened with courtmartial, but the trial never came to pass, Veteran Claytor was a member of Company E. Thirteenth North Carolina regiment. At the same time when his brother was applying for his pension warrant, another veteran, Comrade Jesse Sutton, aged 78 years and carrying to this day in his neck a mine ball which practically shot away one lung, entered the office. He was in Northern Virginia with Company C. of the Twenty-seventh North Carolina when he received his wound.

Dr. B. W. Spillman, field Secretary for Sunday school work of the Southern Baptist convention, is ill at his home on North Queen street here with what is said to be a severe cold. His sickness is not expected to develop to a wrse stage, it is said today. Dr. Spilman was made ill by exposure when en route home from Baltimore to attend the funeral of his mother-in-law, the late Mrs. John A. Pollock.

Kinston is to have a union depot after all, it was announced last night. G. V. Cowper, a well-known lawyer, was informed by Clerk A. J. Maxwell of the Corporation Commission that the cmmission has agreed that the station is a necessity and that an order for its arection at Gordon and Independent streets on property now occupied by a Presbyterian church and several dwellings will be issued. The formal order has not been drawn for the reason that "it has not been thought the proper course to require the railroads t invest substantial sums in structures of this character just at this time when their revenues have been so largely depleted by conditions brought about by the European war". Agitation for a modern union depot t replace the three separate statins here was first commenced in 1913. The Atlantic Coast Line, Norfolk Southern, Kinston-Snow Hill and Kinston-Carolina Railroads will use the new depot, which will be located nly tw bicks from the business center.

EPIDEMIC OF BURGLARIES IN DUNN IS FEARED.

Result of Enforced Idleness of Hundreds of Negroes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Dunn, N. C., Dec. 19.—Several burglaries in the city during the last week have created a feeling of uneasiness among its citizens. Several hundred negroes who are usually employed in the surrounding lumber mills and factories are idle as the result of the recent suspension of business by these industries, and most of them are desperately destitute.

Because of this condition it is feared that burglaries will become epidemic, and every precaution is being taken for protection. The most notable robbery thus far is the one perpetrated upon the Stephens-Howard Company, wholesale grocers. A thief entered its warehouse Monda ynight and confiscated several thousand cigarettes of various brands.

Look out for the Christmas-tree fire. Be careful in arranging the ornments and lights on the tree, and never leave the tree lighted with children only in the room. A fire carelessly started may burn the house or room and the children. It is better to exercise care than to regret your failure to do so.

GILMORE STILL AFTER WASHINGTON'S STAR

Urges Walter Johnson to Come to Chicago for Conference Over Matter.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Walter Johnson, the baseball pitcher, who yesterday announced he would disregard a contract he recently signed and remain with the Washington Americans, has not yet advised James A. Gilmore, president of the Federal League, of his decision nor returned the $6,000 advance salary paid him, it was said here today by Gilmore.

Gilmore reiterated his belief that Johnson had been wrongfully persuaded by attorneys for the American League that the reserve clause of the Washington club would hold him. He sent Johnson a long telegram urging him to come to Chicago at the expense of the Federals and submit the contracts to three lawyers to be chosen by disinterested persons.

"If it is the opinion of these lawyers that your action was justified," continued the telegram, "it would place you in the proper light before sportliving people. On the contrary if it is their opinion that your action was not honorable, and you then do not quickly repudiate the new contract which you signed yesterday, you will forever carry on your shoulders a burden of dishonor."

Gilmore said Johnson had complied with the terms of the option clause in his 1914 contract in first offering his services to the Senators.

"When the Federals withdrew their offer of $20,000 to Johnson," he continued, "Washington immediately withdrew an offer they were reputed to have made of $16,000."

Gilmore declared unless Johnson came to Chicago in response to his telegram ,he would immediately bring court action to prevent the pitching star's serving the Washington club.

HESPERIAN SOCIETY WINS

In Annual Inter-Society Debate at Trinity College Friday Night.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., Dec. 20.—Before a large audience of students, members of the faculty, and people of the city, in Craven Memorial hall tonight, the Hesperian Literary Society defeated the Columbian Literary Society in the annual inter-society debate, the most interesting event of the college year, when the rivalry of the two literary societies is brought to a climax.

The subject discussed this evening was: "Resolved, That all public offices directly subject to popular election should be nominated direct primary." The Columbian society upheld the affirmative and the Hesperian—the winner—upheld the negative. The speakers for Columbia were: G. W. H. Britt, of Burnside, Ky.; J. S. Cox, of Palmerville, N. C., and J. H. Grigg, of Lawndale, N. C., with A. B. Farmer, of Bailey, N. C., as alternate. The speakers on the negative were: David Brady, of Durham; W. R. Shelton, of Asheville; J. H. Small, Jr., of Washington, D. C., with C. S. Bunn, of Bailey, N. C., as alternate.

At the close of the debate the speakers, the judges and officers of the debate council became the guests of the members of the Columbian society at an informal smoker in their hall in East Duke building.

DUNN PEOPLE ACTIVE IN RELIEVING THE SUFFERING

Fraternal and Other Organizations Join in Movement.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Dunn, Dec. 19.—Having for their purpose for relief of the community's destitute, members of the locals lodges of the orders of Knights of Pythias and Masons have raised a substantial sum among themselves, and are inviting the aid of outsiders. The funds so raised are to be devoted to the purchase of food, other necessities and toys for distribution Christmas Eve, and the idea is receiving support form all classes.

Following in the wake of this public spirited movement, a club, comprising several of the town's youngest married couples, has been organized to afford relief to any worthy person who needs financial assistance to keep the wolf from th edoor. All fees, fines and assessments of this organization are to be devoted to works of charries, and at each meeting a committee of two is appointed to search out those who need help.

The local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, also, is doing much in a charitable way. The most notable recent instance of their effort in this direction being a movement to provide a substantial Christmas fund for the widow of a Confederate veteran.

MARK TWAIN.

The Greatest Boy of Fiction, the American Boy.

(Hildegarde Hawthorne, in December St. Nicholas.)

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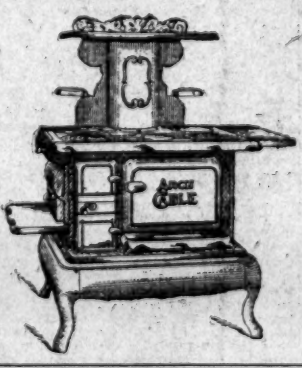

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CLEWS SEES BETTER TIMES

Reopening of Stock Exchange Will Change Conditions—Recent I. C. C. Decision an Aid.

Special to The Star:

New York, Dec. 19.—The Stock Exchange made an excellent start at its final reopening. The financial district, it should be remembered, has been passing through a period of unparalled depression resulting from the war. That depression was not allowed to express itself in values owing to the shutdown of our exchanges and the establishment of minimum prices. For the same reason prices did not have a full opportunity to reflect the remarkable recovery in confidence which has taken place during the last two months. A considerable rise occurred during the first few days of the week, but this was quickly checked by profittaking and evidences of skillful foreign liquidation. There was, however, no rush of foreign selling, such as had been feared, and it does not appear likely that there will be, unless some untoward events of special importance precipitate such a movement.

The Interstate Commerce Commission decision granting the 5 per cent. increase in rates on Eastern roads, with the exceptions specified include rail-laks-and-rale and rail-and-lake rates; also the rates on bituminous coal and coke. Anthracite coal and iron ore and rates held by unexpired orders of the commission are likewise excepted. Confidence will receive a new and effective stimulus. It marks a change of attitude of the commission toward the railroads that cannot but be beneficial. Railroad credit will be strengthened, and the roads will be able to make more definite plans for their future. It is said the earnings of the roads will be increased about 40 to 50 millions. This is not a large sum, relatively considered; but the action of the commission is quite sufficient to check distrust and inspire confidence. One effect of the decision will be to create a more hopeful feeling in the attel industry, of which the railroads are the best customers; and it may be hoped that their action will avert the proposed reduction of wages in that industry. The effect upon the stock market was naturally encouraging, although some caution was observed until the results could be more definitely measured. The decision will also have a stimulating effect upon business in general, and will aid to counteract the depressing influences of the war.

Beyond question the war is still the dominating influence in this market. An early end of that colossal struggle would cause a sharp rise in security values; and conversely prolongation of the war beyond what is anticipated will be depressing. But, since the worst has been largely discounted, the effect of disaster upon values would not be so pronounced as the approach of peace, which some think is nearer than generally supposed. The possibilities of foreign liquidation must however be kept in serious consideration. London as well as Berlin is quite sure to send American stocks back to us if prices on this exchange are rushed upward too rapidly, a was the experience during the early half of the week. There are many needy sellers in both of these markets. The London Exchange has not yet opened and will not until the new year, so that this market still offers the only refuge for those in distress.

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The present wa ris causing a fearful waste of capital, and the eiormous new borrowings for financing the war will inevitably exert a heavy pressure upon the world's security markets. The world's savings will doubtless be materially curtailed, and the urgency of war loans will make it difficult to secure capital for new industrial or business enterprises. This means that capital, or savings, for some time to come will command high rates. On the other hand, we have an important counteractant in the form of cheap money. Funds are accumulating at home and abroad, very largely as a result of the diminished volume of business. In consequence short term money can be more freely obtained. This will facilitate the carrying or godo stocks which are already selling at low prices and yielding much more profitable rates than short term obligations. Our own bank reserves have been greatly strengthened by the operation of the new banking system, not to speak of the return of funds from the interior and the lessened demands for commercial purposes. Funds are also comparatively abundant in London; and there is no longer any talk of gold exports from here, especially as the balance f trade is working in our favors. At present gold imports are more probable than exports.

Much encouragement can be found in the course of our foreign trade. In November the merchandise exports amounted to $205,700,000, against $194,700,000 in October. In November our imports totaled $126,400,000, compared with $138,000,000 in October. The excess of exports over imports in November amounted to nearly $80,000,000, compared with $56,000,000 in October. This striking expansion in exports was mainly the result of heavy shipments of foodstuffs. Now that the cotton embargo has been removed taht staple will go forward much more freely to all parts of Europe. Our export trade is also receiving a stimulus through the supplying of merchandise formerly supplied by some of the countries now at war. It was recognized that the European struggle would create such an opportunity for American enterprise, and to some extent these expectations are already being realized. One of the chief obstacles to further expansion of foreign trade is the temporary scarcity of ocean tonnage. An enormous amount of German tonnage has been entirely withdrawn from the freight market, and a very considerable British tonnage is engaged in transport work for the British Government, thus causing a very important though temporary curtailment in the supply of shipping facilities.

The situation at home shows signs of improvement. There is a decidedly better sentiment in both financial and commercial circles which must precede any material improvement. Confidence has improved perceptibly and a partial resumption of industrial activity is occasionally noted for the first time. In the steel industry the turn is apparently close at hand, if it has not already taken place. Prices are exceedingly low, so low that profits have almost vanished, and either higher prices must follow or a reduction in the cost or production. There has been a better inquiry for pig iron, which is welcome proof of better things to come in this basic industry. Low prices and cheap money ought certainly to stimulate new construction work. A somewhat similar condition of affairs exists in the great textile industries. Prices have declined to a point that, seems likely to materially encourage the demand for staple fabrics. For some time past the dry goods trade has been exceedingly quiet, mainly owing to lessened public consumption. Adjustment to new tariff conditions and the extreme fluctuations in cotton have also tended to materially confuse this great industry. Cheap cotton, though unwelcome to the South, has come as a boon to the manufacturer and materially aided the solution of his many perplexities, caused by being caught between high costs of production and low selling prices.

From Washington, which for the past two years has been such a depressing factor in the stock market, the advices are more encouraging. A very decided change has taken place in the attitude toward big business, and there is no longer any desire to unduly harass legitimate enterprise, but rather to aid the restoration of business to normal activity. This was evidence in the favorable decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The market is one that will require close watching and much discretion in the selection of investiments. As already stated, money promises to be cheap for some time to come, but capital will command high rates because of the war. Decisive engagements on land or at sea will cause decided fluctuations in this market. Many of our own industries will profit by the war and such securities are likely to reflect this advantage. All purchases should be made with close discrimination, the market still being exposed to he vicissitudes of war than which nothing is more uncertain. Securities with a large international market should be handled with strict conservatism; since too rapid advances will surely encourage liquidation. Home industry seems on the verge of improvement. The winter wheat acreage is reported 11 per cent larger than last year, while the cotton acreage will undoubtedly be much curtailed.

HENRY CLEWS

I. C. C. DECISION IMPORTANT

Overshadowed All Other Features in Stock Market Conditions—Prices Grow Somewhat Better.

New York, Dec. 20.—All other events of the last week in the securities market which included renewal of dealings in the full stock list, were subordinated to the Interstate Commerce Commission's decision granting increased freight rates on the railroads in the Eastern territory. The importance and extent of the action, which affects more than 100 roads, was the subject of much debate. It would appear, however, that the increases which exclude such important commodities as coal and iron ore, average from 3 1-2 to 4 per cent. on at least 80 per cent. of the total traffic.

Stock prices reacted from the first upward rush of the week and were at the lowest level when news of the decision became known. This resulted in a general recovery though in no instance to Tuesday's high level, when full dealings were restored. The higher range of that day evidently attributed some fore gn selling, but not enough in itself to make a marked impression on values.

Monetary conditions showed steady improvement, the plan for a London credit fund being dropped. The cotton loan pool began operations, although it s still felt that this device is merely nominal, now that the loosening of bank credits through natural channels has become so general. Reductions of discounts by various Federal bank offers added proof of this condition.

Foreign exchange continued to make further response to increas ng favorable trade balance, the week being marked by heavy exports of cotton. Reichsmarcks went steadily lower, the outcome, it was thought of German sales of our stocks and bills on London were decidedly easier.

The week's unfavorable factors included dividend reductions by several of the more important railroads and poor returns of traffic income for November. In addition, the record acreage for Winter wheat was offset by its low condition reported by the government.

MARINE.

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Str. Cherokee, Bunnell, Georgetown, C. J. Becker, agent.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Alcana (Ital.), 2,246 tons, Ghiglione, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.) 2,289 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger) 2,872 tons, Linke, at Southport, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Schr. William Thomas Moore, 263 tons, Jones, C. D. Maffitt & Co.

Schr. Alice May Davenport, 910 tons, Wiley, C. D. Maffitt & Co. (In distress).

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 19)

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

POTATOES — Irish potatoes, 80@85c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, yams, 60@65c. per bu.

PEAS—White peas, $2.50@$2.75 bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7 to 8c.; very dull.

PORK—Small, 10@12 cents.

SHEEP—No sale. Lambs, $1.50 to $3.50 per head; very dull; no sale.

WOOL—Burry, 14 to 15c.; black wool, 16 to 17c.; first-class white wool, 21c. free, 20@21c. per lb.

HIDES—Green salt, 13c.; dry flints, 17c. per lb.; dull.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, 23c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. lb., dull.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, grown, 40@45c. Spring, 15@30c. per head; very dull. Turkeys, 16 2-3c. per lb.; very dull.

EGGS—28@29c. per doz.

COTTON FUTURES ADVANCE

Made a Net Gain of from Twenty to Thirty Points on New Orleans Market Last Week

New Orleans, Dec. 20—Cotton futures make a net gain of 20 to 31 points as the ruit of last week's trading. The market had a good undertone throughout the week as the resule of buying which was stimulated by increasing exports, large mill takings and the demand for spots in the interior. Exports were larger than during any week this season.

Not only was the movement big, but freight brokers stated that forward freight engagements were large enough to warrant the prediction that clearances would be heavy for some time to cme. Statistics of the week showed that the total amount of cotton afloat for Europe from this country was actually larger than it was at this time last year, the figures being 831,000 bales against 795,000.

This week business necessarily will be restricted by the aproach of the holidays. The market wil close Thursday night until Monday as traders on both sides will be more inclined to clear up than to enlarge their holdings.

The movement of cotton at the ports will be closely watched because of forecasts of the bulls that end of December engagements are very large. Further large clearances will be sustaining influence of importance.

On the other hand bears expect that this week will see considerable cotton offered in the interior by farmers who want to realize Christmas money and they expect such offering to be a pressure on the market.

THE COTTON SITUATION.

Confidence is Rapidly Reviving the Situation, Says Henry Clews.

New York, Dec. 19.—Up to the present time the question of cotton acreage reduction has been to a great extent a matter of theory, supported, to be sure, by many good arguments, but the first tangible evidence in proof of the contention that the cotton acreage of the South will be materially curtailed next season, is to be found in the recent government report on winter wheat area, which showed gains of from 20 per cent to 200 per cent.

This is most marked in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina, and there can now no longer be any doubt that the cotton planter, especially in the southeastern section of the belt, is thoroughly aroused to the importance of diversifying his crops as one of the urgent steps necessary in righting a bad situation. Another important constructive development during the week was the official statement of the French government that it will not regard cotton as contraband of war. As England some time ago advised our government to that effect, this announcement means that cotton shipped in neutral vessels can now be sent with freedom direct to the belligerent countries of Austria and Germany. Holland and Italy have also agreed that cotton can be trans-shipped to those countries overland when consigned direct to Austrian and German merchants.

This will further stimulate exports, which already show a decided and healthy increase. One day during the week, 107,000 bales were shipped from American ports, which not only established a high record for the season, but came pretty close to the record for a single day in any past year. Up to the present time this season we have exported over 2,000,000 bales which, everything considered, is a very gratifying showing. There is unquestionably an extraordinarily good market for our raw cotton in Germany, and Washington advices are to the effect that if shipping facilities can be secured, now that the way is clear, Germany will take at least 3,000,000 bales of this season's crop.

As yet there is no evidence of any large buying by domestic mills, they apparently feel secure in their waiting policy, owing to the enormous supply, but if they are looking for lower prices it would behoove them to give a little more attention to the factor of demand. Bumper crop and war conditions have already found reflection in a price admittedly far below the cost of production, and it is reasonable to suppose that from now on values will be determined not alone by the known factor of supply, but by the course of our exports, spinners' takings, and the crop prospects for next season. Demand, of course, is still a long way from overcoming the enormous crop, but the draft on supplies will not diminish now as in normal years at this period; they will, in our opinion, continue to grow until something definite is known about the new crop. Investment demand is increasing, and buying from a purely investment standpoint should continue to increase if those interested in the staple are only far sighted enough to overlook the mountain of cotton and observe the increasing export demand, and the probable short crop next year in conjunction with the current low prices which obtain, and which pretty nearly, if not completely, discount the adverse factors in the situation.

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WILSON BANKING HOUSE HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

And Elects Officers, Directors and a Cashier—Condition Reported Good.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, Dec. 20.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Branch Banking and Trust Company the following directors were elected for the coming year: F. L. Carr, C. E. Moore, W. L. Banks, W. D. P. Sharp, E. A. Darden, H. G. Connor, Jr., D. S. Boykin, W. C. Carr, J. B. Deans, H. B. Lane, R. B. Simpson, Alvis, Patterson, J. G. Raper and Selby Anderson.

The report to the stockholders shows the total resources of the bank to be $1,067,357.30; deposits $796,325.96; capital, surplus and undivided profits of $176,031.34. Cash dividend was paid to the stockholders of 9 per cent.

Following the stockholders, meeting the directors met and reelected S. H. Anderson, president; E. A. Darden, vice president and trust officer and, R. B. Simpson, cashier.

Mr. Simpson takes the place of Mr. H. H. Murray, who has resigned as cashier after several years' service. Mr. Murray will leave Wilson, but has not yet decided on a location.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 21, 1914.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 47 degrees; at 8 P. M., 46 degrees; maximum, 53 degrees; minimum, 45 degrees; mean, 49 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.50 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 6.4 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Rain Monday; Tuesday, probably fair and somewhat colder.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 21, 1914.

Sun rises.....7:14 A. M.
Sun sets.....5:07 P. M.
Day's length.....9 hrs. 47 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	12:27	1:07	7:54	8:27
Southport	11:02	11:37	4:53	5:37
Masonboro Inl	10:51	11:26	4:33	5:17

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 20, 1914.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature Highest today.	Temperature Lowest last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	cldy	48	—	.01
Asheville	cldy	40	36	.02
Atlanta	rain	44	38	.12
Augusta	cldy	50	38	.12
Birmingh	rain	50	42	.18
Boston	pt cldy	38	—	.04
Charleston	cldy	54	46	.10
Charlotte	rain	42	34	.14
Chicago	snow	26	—	.06
Galveston	rain	56	50	.06
Jacksonv.	cldy	60	54	.0
Memphis	rain	38	—	.06
New York	clear	36	—	.0
Palestine	cldy	48	40	.01
Pittsburg	cldy	30	—	.0
Raleigh	rain	42	38	.10
Savannah	rain	54	46	.04
Shreveport	rain	46	—	.02
St. Louis	rain	30	—	.40
Washing'n	cldy	38	—	.0

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Supervising Architect's Office, Washington, D. C., December 15, 1914.—Sealed proposals will be opened in this office at 3 P. M., January 14, 1915, for the construction complete (including mechanical equipment) of medical officers' quarters at the United States Marine Hospital, Wilmington, N. C. The building is a two-story frame structure with a ground area of 1,170 square feet. Drawings and specifications may be obtained from the custodian at Wilmington, N. C., or at this office, in the discretion of the Supervising Architect. O. Wenderoth, Supervising Architect.
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R. E. Summer, et al vs. Carolina Coast Products Co., et al.—Order Appointing Receiver, Etc.

To to Creditors and Bondholders, and all other persons having claims against the Carolina Coast Products Company.

It is further ordered that all persons, creditors and bondholders, having claims against the said defendant, the Carolina Coast Products Company, whether by mortgage, lien or unsecured claim, be and are hereby required to file the same with the Clerk of the Court on or before the first Monday in January, 1915, setting forth in detail the nature thereof, duly verified, and the Clerk is directed to make proper advertisement to all creditors of this provision of the Order.

Witness the Honorable H. G. Connor, Judge, of said Court, (SEAL) and the seal at Wilmington, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1914.

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In Effect October 12, 1914.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS.

EASTBOUND: Leave Front and Princess for Winter Park	Leave Front and Princess for Wrightsville	Leave Front and Princess for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave for for Wilmington
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a6:20 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:20 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
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6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	b7:56 A. M.	b7:45 A. M.	b7:35 A. M.
a2:00 P. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:01 A. M.	a7:50 A. M.	a7:40 A. M.
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
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Leave Front and Princess streets every half hour from 2:00 to 5:00 P. M.

Leave Beach every half hour from 2:45 to 5:45 P. M.

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e—Leaves from Station No. 3.

FREIGHT SCHEDULE.

(Daily, except Sundays.)

Leave Ninth and Orange streets, 3:30 P. M.
Freight Depot open from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington. Effective Nov. 23, 1914. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 30. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 31. * 5:25 A.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50. *12:45 A.M.
No. 64. ‡ 6:50 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65. ‡ 6:15 P.M.
No. 48. * 7:30 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. * 6:05 P.M.
No. 53. * 8:45 A.M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. * 8:05 P.M.
No. 62. * 3:25 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. *12:50 P.M.
No. 55. * 2:45 P.M.	Chadbourn, Florence, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida Points. Columbia, Asheville and the West. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta, and between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. *12:50 P.M.
No. 89. ‡ 6:30 P.M.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 90. ‡10:15 A.M.
No. 42. * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars, between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. * 9:45 A.M.

* Daily. ‡ Daily except Sunday. † Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays.

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(By Herbert N. Casson, with Compliments of Packard Motor Car Company, Detroit, Mich.)

"WHAT is the matter with the United States?"

As I have been residing in London since the beginning of the war, I have been hearing this question asked on all sides. I have never heard any satisfactory answer. No one seems to know.

Why are the American factories not running night and day? Why are the railroads not opening up new territories and getting ready for the millions of immigrants who have already made up their minds to leave Europe as soon as the war is over?

Why are there not 50 American drummers in London right now, trying to sell $200,000,000 worth of American goods in place of the goods that were bought last year from Germany and Austria?

From the European point of view, the United States is a haven of peace and security and prosperity. It has no troubles that it dare mention to Belgium or Austria or France or Germany or Servia or Great Britain or Russia.

Every tenth Briton has enlisted. Every tenth Frenchman is at the front. Every tenth Belgian is dead. What does the United States know of trouble?

If I could afford it, I would charter the Mauretania and Lusitania, and convey a party of 5,000 American advertisers to Europe for a trip of education. I would give them a week in London, a week in Paris, and a week in Antwerp.

I would let them look at the United States from the scene of war. I would give them a look at real trouble. I would let them see trains, ten at a time, five minutes apart, packed with the maimed and the dying.

I would let them hear, from fragmentary survivors, the incredible story of battlefields, 150 miles wide, and armies that are greater than the entire population of Texas.

I would let them see graves 100 yards long and full, and Belgium, the country that was, nothing now but 12,000 square miles of wreckage.

Then, when they began to understand, to some slight extent, the magnitude and awfulness of this war, I would say to them:

"Now go back and appreciate the United States. Realize your opportunities. Don't start digging trenches when nobody is firing at you. Don't fall down when you have not been hit. Don't be blind to the most glorious chance you have ever had in your life.

"Get ready for the most tremendous business boom that any nation ever had. Build your factories bigger. Train more salesmen. Borrow more money. Go ahead, and thank God that you are alive and that your family is alive, and that you are living in a land that is at peace, at a time when nearly the whole world is at war."

CHURCH URGES NEW ORIENTAL POLICY

More Regard for Interests of All Nations Concerned.

ASK GOVERNMENT AID

Petition Sent to President Wilson, Members of the Cabinet, Senators and Members of the Lower House of Congress.

New York, Dec. 20.—An appeal to the Federal officials to adopt "an oriental policy based upon a just and equitable regard for the interests of all the nations concerned," has been sent out by the Federal council of the churches of Christ in America, through its commission on relations with Japan it was announced tonight. Congress is asked to take up the entire immigration problem at an early date.

The appeal, sent to President Wilson, cabinet members, senators and representatives, is signed by Dr. Chas. R. Brown, dean of Yale divinity school; Prof. J. W. Jenks, of Columbia; Hamilton Holt, editor of The Independent; Dr. Sidney L. Gulick, representative of International relations; Bishop Hendricks, of St. Louis; Dr. Frederick Lynch, secretary of the Carnegie Church Peace Union; John R. Mott, secretary of the International Young Men's Christian Association; the Rev. Charles H. MacFarland, secretary of the council; William A. Haven, Charles S. Henderson, Albert G. Lawson, Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Dr. Frank Mason North, Doremus Scudder, Robert E. Speer, George F. Vincent and Amos P. Wilder.

The appeal reads:

The Petition as Sent.

"The awakening of Asia and her rapid acquisition of important elements of occidental civilization inaugurates a new area in world history in which Asia is to play a new and increasingly important role. Whether that role shall be one of peace, good will and mutual cooperation, or one controlled by increasing suspicion and fear between the East and West will depend largely upon the attitude of the Western nations themselves.

"It has seemed to many of our citizens who have become familiar with the questions raised by this more intimate and ever-increasing contact with the Orient that the United States well adopt a more adequate Oriental policy.

"Therefore, be it resolved, That the commission on relations with Japan, appointed by the Federal council of the churches of Christ in America, urge upon Congress and upon the people of the United States the importance of adopting an Oriental policy based upon a just and equitable regard for the interests of all the nations concerned, and to this end suggests that the entire emigration problem be taken up at an early date providing for comprehensive legislation covering all phases of the question (such as the limitation of immigration and the registration, distribution, employment, education and naturalization of immigrants), in such a way as to conserve American institutions, to protect American labor from dangerous economic competition and to promote an intelligent and enduring friendliness among the people of all nations."

A tidy housewife is the worst enemy of fire waste. This is concurred in by some of the leading insurance men. Many fires have been prevented by good housekeepers keeping cupboards and closets clean and free from accumulation of rubbish.

ADMINISTRATION MAY BACK NEWLANDS PLAN

And Urge Passage at Present Session of Congress.

Conference at White House Tonight to Decide Matter—Several Members of Cabinet and NewLands Will Attend

Washington, Dec. 20—Whether the adminstration will seek action during the present session of Congress on Senator Newlands plan for creation of a commission to control Federal activity in waterways improvements will be the subject of a conference tomorrow night at the White House.

President Wilson has asked Senator Newlands and the Secretaries of Interior, Commerce, Agriculture and War to discuss with him the advisability of throwing the influence of the administration behind the project. The President already has approved the Newlands plan in principle.

When Senator Newlands broached his plan for a new system of making rivers and harbors appropriations, the President asked the Secretaries of Interior, Commerce, Agriculture, and War to have subordinate officials inquite into its feastibility. The meeting tomorrow night will bring out the results.

The rivers and harbors bill reported to the House yesterday probably will not be taken up until after Christmas when it is expected an amendment will be introduced providing for creation of the proposed commission.

Under the plan a commission, composed of the Secretaries of Interior, Commerce, Agriculture and War, two senators, two representatives and two engineers named by the President would investigate questions relating to the development, improvement, regulation and control of navigation as a part of the interstate and foreign commerce, and the related question of irrigation, forestry, fisheries, swamp land reclamation, clarification of streams, regulation of flow, control of floods, utilization of water power prevention of soil waste, co-operation of railways and waterways, and promotions of transfer facilities and sites.

The commission would be authorized to co-ordinate the various government services now working on waters improvement, and to work with the various local government authorities in its investigation.

MR. G. H. CROMARTIE DEAD

Passed Away Yesterday at His Home at Clarkton—Funeral.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Clarkton, N. C., Dec. 20.—After an illness of several weeks, Mr. George H. Cromartie died at his home here today. Some time ago he was partially paralyzed but recovered sufficiently to be about his work a few weeks ago. Catarrhal stomach trouble, which lately affected his heart, caused his death. He was 65 years old and was the oldest living Cromartie of a large family connection in this and other States. He was an earnest, devout Christian, being the oldest elder of Clarkton Presbyterian church. He is survived by one brother, Mr. R. B. Cromartie, of Elizabethtown, and his living sisters are Mrs. S. A. Graham, Mrs. Amanda Currie, Mrs. Emma Kelly and Mrs. Geo. L. Clark, all of this place. Forty-two years ago Mr. Cromartie married Miss Cornelia Simpson and their union has been blessed with a large and useful family, the following of whom are now living: George B. and Dr. H. R. Cromartie, of Raeford; Dr. A. S. Cromartie, of Fayetteville, and Mrs. Dr. C. Lennon, of Rowland.

The funeral will be conducted in the Presbyterian church by his pastor, Rev. R. A. Langley, Jr., Monday at 1:30 o'clock.

QUEER CHRISTMAS TREES.

Idaho Town First Has Sagebrush, Then Telegraph Pole.

(Twin Falls, Idaho, Dispatch.)

Twin Falls is to have its second municipal Christmas tree this year. The first was 11 years ago, when, on the first Christmas on the tract, then nothing but a sage brush plain, the residents secured the largest brush they could find, about six feet high, and placed it in the biggest building they had, a kind of shed.

Being far from any mountains where real Christmas trees can be found, Twin Falls will have a made-to-order tree. The top will be a real tree perched on a telegraph pole. Smaller trees, shipped in, will be stripped and the firemen will make a tree from these boughs, using the telegraph pole as a foundation.

Forest fires are being reported in this State, but more will be reported a little later unless precautions are taken Persons owning timber ought to see to it that their money is not literally burned up.

Fire insurance is close to the pocketbook of every citizen of North Carolina, because every citizen is called on to pay losses as well as premiums. Fire prevention, therefore, directly affects everybody.

If Chickens are his hobby—give him a Conkey Corner for a Christmas Present. There's nothing that would please him better, and nothing that would help him more. Conkey's Poultry Remedies are standard and every poultry owner needs them. Conkey's goods are sold by Seed, Feed, Hardware and Poultry Supply Stores in Wilmington and Everywhere

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NEXT YEAR'S SEASON OPENS ON APRIL 14

Ban Johnson Says Schedule Meeting is Over and Plans Made for Season.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Ban Johnson, president of the American League, who returned from Frank Lick, Ind., said the league schedule had been completed and that the season would open April 14.

Negotiations for the sale of the New York American club have not progressed as far as expected, Johnson said, but would be renewed here tomorrow. The deal now hinges, he declared, on obtaining of a satisfactory manager.

Business Locals

FRUIT CAKE IS ONE OF THE REquisites of every Christmas dinner. You, therefore, want the very best, purest and most appetizing that can be obtained. You are sure of all these qualities when you order Royal. Let us have your order at once. 'Phone 246, Royal Baking Co. de21-1t

FOR CHRISTMAS — PURE, SWEET cream, 50 cents quart. Fresh ground cocoanut, 15 cents quart, daily. Guaranteed fresh. A. G. Warren Ice Cream Co., 'Phone 485. de21-1t*

ATTENTION — MEMBERS OF STONEwall Lodge, No. 1, K. of P., are urgently requested to attend convention to be held this (Monday) evening at 8 o'clock, for work in the first rank. Fraternally, W. C. Smith, K. of R. S. de21-1t

WANTED — LOAN OF $500 ON SOUTH Carolina real estate. Will pay 10 per cent. Address P. O. Box 509, City. de21-2t

WANTED — REGISTERED PHARMAcist. Young, not over 30. Must be single, sober and good habits. Willing to work in all parts of store. Salary, $60 per month. Must furnish reference. The Cash Drug Store, Beaufort, N. C. de21-4t*

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'PHONE 779-W FOR XMAS WREATHS of holly, galax or magnolia leaves, with sprays of holly or immortelles, 50 cents. Blooming plants and ferns. 416 South Second street. de21-1t

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ON ACCOUNT OF THE WAR IN EUrope there will be no fruit vessel this year. We have a car load of Florida oranges just arrived, selling at the low cash price of $1.25 per hundred, delivered. Winstead Produce Co., 'Phone 203. de20-5t

WANTED! WANTED! — PROPOSALS from saw mill men to cut and stack up in the woods timber from certain tracts in Bladen county, N. C., near Elizabethtown, estimated at 14 million feet, more or less, as follows: Hardwood (mostly gum and oak) 4,000,000 feet; Pine, 10,000,000 feet. Proposals should specify price per M feet for cutting and stacking pine and hardwood separately; also guarantee of amount to be cut per day. All bids must be in prior to January 1st, 1915. Address, Box 547, Richmond, Va. de 17-21-24-28

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OPEN NEXT SATURDAY AT 8 P. M. from 9 to 10:30, the three bowling alleys will be occupied by ladies only, and up to twelve o'clock, if they wish. Wilmington Bowling Alley Co., 107 North Second street. de8-tf

HIGH CLASS JEWELRY, SUCH AS diamonds, watches, bracelets, necklaces, etc., you will find at the old reliable Uncle Charles', at No. 6 South Front street. 'Phone 642. de8-tf

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOMEthing you may not have seen before, stop and look at the large fruit vessel in the Brooklyn Candy Store window, corner Fourth and Brunswick. Telephone 863. de20-4t*

PURE SWEET CREAM FOR CHRISTmas. Phone orders early to 1760. Glenwood Dairy Farm, 50 cents per quart. de20-3t*

THE PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY INVITed to visit the greenhouses at Fifteenth and Market streets and view the wonderful display of Poinsettias and other Christmas plants in bloom. Lucy B. Moore, the Florist. de20-3t

LOOK AT THESE PRICES—SWIFT'S Premium hams 19c; fresh pork hams 20c; fresh pork corned hams 20c; 10c canned peas 6c. We keep everything good to eat. Nice turkeys, dressed chickens, country eggs. Phone us. Palace Market, 108 South Front street, Phone 72. de 19-tf

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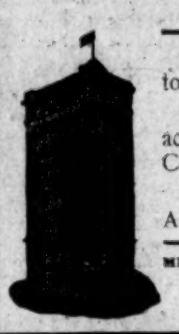

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